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GRIM HUDSON BAY TRAGEDY.

THREE BODIES FOUND IN LONE CABIN.

ADVENTURERS MISSING FOR TWO YEARS.

HORNBY PARTY DEAD.

London, Aug. 15.
The mysterious disappearance
over two years ago of John Horn-
by, one of the best known explor-
ers of the Canadian hinterland,
and his two youthful companions,
Harold Adlar, and Edgar
Christian, is recalled by a wireless
report from the Government Police
Post at Chesterfield, that three
bodies have been found in a de-
solate cabin to the west of Hudson
Bay, believed to be the remains of
the three adventurers.

The Police Post is on a small
inlet in the northern and most
desolate part of the Hudson Bay
region, and the grim discovery of
the tragedy which took place many
months ago, though it is almost im-
possible to estimate the probable
date, was made by a police patrol,
investigating for traces of the mis-
sing party, the barren lands to the
west of Hudson Bay.

Son of Famous Cricketer.

John Hornby, the leader of the
ill-fated party, is the son of Mr. A.
N. Hornby, the famous captain of
the Lancashire Cricket Eleven,
who played in several Test Mat-
ches against Australia, in Eng-
land and Australia, and who died
in 1925. He is also a nephew of
Mr. A. S. Hornby, and a nephew of
Sir Henry Hornby, the cotton-mill
head of a famous cotton mill
firm at Blackburn.

A man who lived for adventure,
John Hornby set out two years ago
with his young cousin, Edgar
Christian, and Adlar in an eight
hundred mile journey across most
treacherous country from Fort
Resolution, Hudson Bay, since
when nothing has been heard of the
party, till the wireless message yes-
terday.

Singapore Connections.

Edgar Christian is the son of
Colonel Christian, the present com-
mander of the Singapore Garrison,
who saw much service during the
war, and has other Far Eastern
connections inasmuch as he took
part in the siege of Tsing tau in
the early part of the War.

The party set out fully equipped
for a long journey. Hornby was
an experienced traveller and knew
the country extremely well. They
planned to follow the waterways
from Fort Resolution, Hudson Bay,
but their trip took them through
country where it is most difficult
to obtain food of any description.

Died of Starvation.

It is presumed that they lost the
trail and died of starvation after
their food had run out. It is
possible they were caught in a
blizzard and took refuge in the lone-
ly cabin where their bodies have
been found.

At first some doubt was
thrown on the presumption that the
bodies were those of the Hornby
party, Reuter's correspondent at
Ottawa telegraphing to London in
connection with the report, report-
ing that the former Commissioner
of the North-West Territories, Mr.
Bell, now residing at Saskatoon, ex-
pressed the opinion that the dead
men could not be the Hornby party
as he had a long conversation over
the telephone with Hornby last
year. He said that Hornby was
then farming at Vancouver.

Many Months' Search.

The outposts of the North-West
Mounted Police have been search-
ing for the ill-fated explorers since
December last year.

A later message from Ottawa in-
dicates that there is apparently no
further doubt that the bodies be-
long to John Hornby and his com-
panions. Mr. Bell is now con-
vinced that he was mistaken and
believes that the man with whom
he conversed last year was Horn-
by's cousin and not the leader of
the Hudson Bay party.—Reuter.

COTTON INDUSTRY CRISIS.

RECONSTRUCTION SCHEME IN THE MAKING.

FINANCIAL EVIDENCE.

London, Aug. 15.
An announcement having impor-
tant bearing on the future of the
Lancashire cotton industry has been
issued by the sub-committee of the
Federation of Master Cotton Spin-
ners Associations, which was ap-
pointed to consider the financial
position of the reconstructed firms
in the American Section, and
which met in private in Man-
chester to-day.

The sub-committee has been care-
fully sifting a mass of valuable
data derived as the result of a
questionnaire sent to members of
the Federation, asking for details
of their individual financial posi-
tions before the boom of 1919 and
1920, and subsequent to the
reconstruction.

The majority of the members
have answered in detail and as a
result, the sub-committee hopes
ultimately to produce a scheme,
which, with the assistance of the
Banks, and of the Government, may
lead to considerable reductions in
overhead costs, placing the mills on
an economic level.

It is understood that the replies
were most complete and showed that
a considerable number of concerns
were in a hopeless position, unless
drastic action was taken.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI COURT'S NEW REGIME.

ACUTE DISLOCATION DUE TO POLITICAL INFLUENCE.

CONSULAR ACTION?

Shanghai, Aug. 16.
A serious situation affecting the
Settlement is developing as the re-
sult of acute dislocation of the
Shanghai Provisional Court since
the installation of Dr. H. Shih-tang
as President. Many of Judge Loo's
friends have resigned, but the dis-
location is largely due to political
influences, the President apparently
aiming to oust foreign advisers.

Court Six has just been closed
and this is attributable to the de-
termination of the Chinese officials
to force M. Ramondino the Italian
representative, and M. Vandenberg,
the Dutch representative, to re-
main away.

The Municipal Police are becom-
ing increasingly restive at the dis-
organisation of routine.

It is believed that the Consular
Body will exercise firmness in the
present difficult situation, which is
entirely in negation of the Ren-
diti Agreement.—Our Own Corre-
spondent.

THE NEW YORK SHARE GAMBLE.

EASIER MONEY SENDS PRICES SOARING.

New York, Aug. 15.
Coincident with the drop in the
oil-money rate from seven per cent.
to five and a half per cent., a wide
and sweeping advance developed
at to-day's Stock Market, the
speculative favourites climbing
rapidly in the afternoon.

Prices rushed upwards more im-
pressively than at any other time
during the past few months.
To-day's recovery is due not only
to the easier money factor, but also
to the promising reports of the
business situation.—Reuter's
American Service.

FIRST MAORI BISHOP.

INTERESTING APPOINTMENT TO NEW DIOCESE.

Wellington, N.Z., Aug. 15.
The Rev. Frederick Augustus
Bennett has been appointed the
first Bishop of the new Anglican
Diocese of Aotearoa.

He is the first Maori to become
a Bishop and he will exercise
Episcopal supervision over the
Maoris of other Dioceses as re-
quired.—Reuter.

ATTACKED PRISON WARDER.

THREE MONTHS' HARD FOR CHINESE.

PRISONER PROTESTS LOUDLY AGAINST SENTENCE.

SELF-DEFENCE PLEA.

That the Indian made an im-
proper suggestion and that it was
in self-defence that he struck him
with his drinking mug, were the
statements made by Chan Chi-
cheong, aged 17, a prisoner detain-
ed at the Victoria Gaol, who was
charged with committing a serious
breach of prison discipline by
assaulting Assistant Warden
Nawab Ali Shah and seriously in-
juring him. The case, trans-
ferred from the other Court, was
heard before Mr. R. E. Lindell
at the Central Magistracy this
morning.

His Worship (to the accused):
—What do you say to that?

Accused said that on Sunday
morning, when the detained
prisoners were being let out for
exercises, four Europeans, who
were also being detained, got
ahead of him and another Chinese
as they made their way along the
corridor to get water from a tap.
The Indian warden prevented him
and the other Chinese from doing
likewise, and he then struck the
Indian with his drinking mug.

His Worship:—You consider
that as a reasonable excuse?

The First Blow.

Accused said that the Indian
struck him first, following which
he ran back into his cell, followed
by the Indian, who then tried to
touch him.

His Worship:—You say he
struck you. Have you any marks
to show for it?

Accused said he did not bear
any marks now.

In reply to his Worship, the
Superintendent of Prisons, Mr. J.
W. Franks, confirmed that accused
did make a similar statement to
him, in which he complained of
the Indian having touched him as
he went to get water. Upon being
warned not to do it, the Indian was
alleged to have dragged the accus-
ed half-way down the corridor, not
releasing his grip until accused
had struck him on the head with
his tin.

His Worship:—Any medical
examination to corroborate that he
was roughly handled?

No Marks.

The Superintendent replied that
an examination was made on the
spot by a Principal Warden, but
there were no marks to be seen.
The prisoner's shirt was torn, and
the explanation was that the shirt
was torn after the Indian, had
caught hold of him, after being
struck. The Prison Pharmacist,
Mr. Woods, also made an examina-
tion in the Prison Hospital, but
could discover no marks on the
accused.

His Worship observed that it
was better to take the evidence,
and he called the Assistant War-
den, Nawab Ali Shah, into the
witness-box.

Witness said that on Sunday
morning, shortly after ten o'clock,
in accordance with ordinary rou-
tine, the prisoners detained on re-
mand, and others who were await-
ing deportation from the Colony,
were let out of their cells for
exercise, the accused, who was
placed in the category of a "de-
portation prisoner," being one of
these.

All the prisoners immediately
rushed towards the water-tap at
the end of the corridor, and ac-
cused, who had brought out his
drinking mug, rushed ahead and
witness, who was desirous of keep-
ing them together in a bunch, had
to follow and restrain him.

Interposing to explain the lay-
out of the cells, Mr. Franks said
the sink was at the end of a cor-
ridor on the first floor, the bottom
storey of that particular block be-
ing now utilised for another pur-
pose.

Difficult to Restrain.

Witness said he had great diffi-
culty in restraining the accused,
and at the end of the corridor,
when the accused had already fil-

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CAUSE OF AMERICA'S PROGRESS.

ELIMINATION OF WASTERS AND SLACKERS.

ROLE OF PEACEMAKER.

Nausau (Wia.), Aug. 15.
President Coolidge, in the
course of an address to the State
Convention of the American Leg-
ation, said the foundation of the
enormous progress of America in
the last ten years was "the exter-
mination of waste and the waster,
and the elimination of slackness
and the slacker."

Referring to the question of na-
tional defence, he said the United
States intended to maintain a mo-
derate Army and Navy, based on
the requirements of national
security.

President Coolidge alluded to
the role of America as a peace-
maker, mentioning the success at-
tained in securing the consent of
fourteen important nations to the
negotiation of the Treaty con-
cerning recourse to war.

He expressed the view that if
such an agreement had existed in
1914, there would have been no
Great War.

President Coolidge expressed
the opinion that the Kellogg Pact
holds greater hope for peaceful re-
lations than had ever before been
given to the world. "It would,"
he added, "be too much to suppose
that war has been entirely banish-
ed, yet a new important barrier,
reasonable and honourable," had
been created to bar it.—Reuter's
American Service.

DUTCH FUGITIVE DISCHARGED.

WILLING TO RETURN TO SINGAPORE.

J. W. H. Van Laer, the Dutch-
man who was arrested on Tuesday
on his arrival here on the M. M.
Porthea from Singapore, on a
charge of criminal breach of trust
at that port, involving the sum of
\$9,000, made his second appear-
ance before Mr. R. E. Lindell this
morning.

Addressing Mr. T. Murphy, As-
sistant Director of Criminal Intel-
ligence, his Worship said:—I un-
derstand you are applying for the
discharge of the fugitive. I un-
derstand that he would waive all
proceedings and return to Singa-
pore to face the charges against
him there.

Mr. Murphy:—Yes, your Wor-
ship.

Mr. Lindell (to the accused):—
I understand you are willing to go
back to Singapore without any fur-
ther evidence being given against
you?—Yes.

His Worship:—On that under-
standing, you are discharged.

BIG BRITISH COAL ORDERS.

CONTRACTS FROM DENMARK AND FRANCE.

London, Aug. 15.
Big orders for British coal have
been received in Newcastle.

The Danish State Railways have
placed an order, which is on a c.i.f.
basis, for 30,000 tons of Durham
best steam coal at 20s. 6d. per ton;
30,000 tons of Yorkshire coal at
20s.; and between 40,000 and 50,000
tons of Scottish coals at prices
which have not been disclosed.

The Bordeaux Gasworks are re-
ported to have ordered 30,000 tons
of Durham gas coal at 18s. and 19s.
per ton c.i.f. according to quality.
—British Wireless.

LADY MAYOR'S U. S. VISIT.

FLIES FLAG AS AN ADMIRAL.

London, Aug. 15.
The woman Mayor of Southamp-
ton, Mrs. Forester Welch, sailed in
the United States liner Leviathan
to-day to pay an official visit to
some of the principal American
cities.

Mrs. Forester Welch, as Mayor, is
ex-officio Admiral of the Port of
Southampton, and her flag flew
from the masthead as the vessel
left the docks.—British Wireless.

FAMOUS WOMAN PREACHER.

MISS MAUDE ROYDEN IN HONGKONG.

TO GIVE SERIES OF TALKS IN OCTOBER.

ON WAY TO JAPAN.

Described as the most famous
woman preacher of the age, Miss
Maude Royden, the English
evangelist, arrived in Hong-
kong this morning by the
P. and O. liner Naldora
from Singapore, where she spent a
few days' rest
after a strenuous
tour in the United
States and Aus-
tralia. She is ac-
companied by Miss
M. Chavre Collinson,
the honorary secre-
tary of the British
League, who was
responsible for the
organisation of
Miss Royden's lec-
ture tour in Aus-
tralia and New
Zealand.

Miss Royden is
remaining in
Hongkong until
Tuesday, when she
will leave for Japan by the a.s.
President Pierce. She will
return to Hongkong early in Octo-
ber, when she will give a series
of addresses here. A local Com-
mittee is being appointed to make
arrangements for the Hongkong
meetings, details of which will be
announced later.

Courageous Thinker.
A courageous thinker on social
and religious problems, the author
of several books which have great-
ly influenced the younger genera-
tion in Great Britain, and associate
minister with Dr. Percy Dearmer
in one of the most interesting
churches in London—the Guild-
house—Miss Royden is a person-
ality who has attracted considerable
notice in various parts of the world.
Some curious misconceptions
had to be combated prior to the
tour, a Singapore journalist
gathered from Miss Collinson.
The idea was discovered in some
quarters that Miss Royden might
be a sort of "Alma Mater," a
character who acquired consid-
erable notoriety as a sensational
evangelist in America.

Views on Smoking.
There was also the "cigarette-
smoking" episode in the United
States, where some women's club
refused to hear Miss Royden on
the ground that her views about
smoking for women were not as
puritanical as their own. How-
ever, to put the matter as
charitably as possible, that parti-
cular question is still viewed in
America as it was in England
before the Great War, and it was
the least important feature of
four months lecturing and preach-
ing in the United States.

This was Miss Royden's fourth
visit to that country, and her
popularity there was shown by the
fact that over four hundred in-
vitations had to be refused in order
to keep other engagements in New
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Anglo-American Amity.
Discussing her tour of America
Miss Royden said: "One thing
that impressed me particularly
was a growing sense of friendliness
towards Great Britain, which is
replacing what I had felt on
previous visits to America some
years ago—a certain hostility."
The United States had been
much and unkindly criticised for
not joining the League of Nations,
Miss Royden remarked, but it had
to be remembered that the United
States had made determined efforts
from time to time to provide an
alternative form of peace pact,
and these efforts made by a great
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sideration.

Although all her public speaking
has a religious inspiration, her
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PRETTY PROBLEM FOR LEAGUE.

COSTA RICA AND MONROE DOCTRINE.

ASK INTERPRETATION.

Geneva, Aug. 15.
The forthcoming meeting of the
League of Nations Assembly must
become involved in a very delicate
discussion and must pronounce its
interpretation of the Monroe Doc-
trine, that is, if Costa Rica is to
re-enter the League.

An invitation was extended by
the League of Nations Council in
March, asking Costa Rica to re-
consider her previous decision and
to rejoin the League.

Costa Rica has now replied,
thanking the Council for the invita-
tion, but stating that their Govern-
ment must first raise a fundamental
question, which has recently formed
the subject of impassioned de-
bates throughout the American
Continent, namely the Monroe Doc-
trine.

The Costa Rica Government sug-
gests that the League, in certain
contingencies involving the applica-
tion of the Monroe Doctrine, should
be appealed to for an express au-
thorised declaration of the actual
scope of the Monroe Doctrine and
its correct interpretation.—Reuter.

THOUSAND BURNT TO DEATH.

SIX VILLAGES DESTROYED BY LAVA.

VOLCANIC ERUPTION.

Batavia, Aug. 9.
An official telegram from the
Resident of Timor concerning the
volcanic eruption on the island of
Paloeuw says about midnight on
Saturday an eruption of the moun-
tain Roketinda resulted in the
south-west part of the island,
including six villages, being com-
pletely devastated by fire.

It is estimated that a thousand
people were burnt to death, while
600 were injured by falling stones.
Owing to an earthquake accom-
panying the eruption the sea on
all sides of the island rose to the
height of five metres above
ordinary level.

Many people—the number is
unknown—were fleeing towards
the sea and were drowned. The
remaining population of about
5,000 is quiet.

Nine native prahus were sunk
and their crews drowned.

Batavia, Aug. 10.
Further telegrams show that
the north coast of Flores Island
was also damaged. Three villages
were devastated, and ten deaths
occurred, while many people were
injured.

Five native prahus were hurled
on to the island. The crews were
saved.

The mountain Roketinda con-
tinues to eject thick columns of
smoke.

THE BOMBAY MILL STRIKE.

BOARD OF ENQUIRY TO INVESTIGATE.

Bombay, Aug. 15.
At a conference between a mem-
ber of the Bombay Government
and representatives of the mil-
lowners and operatives, it was
agreed to appoint a Board of En-
quiry to investigate the circum-
stances of the mill strike.—
Reuter.

EMPIRE EMIGRATION.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF DELEGA- TION TO CANADA.

London, Aug. 15.
In view of the Lord Chancellor's
appointment as acting Prime Min-
ister, Viscount Peel has been ap-
pointed Chairman of the British
delegation on Empire emigration
which is proceeding to Canada.—
British Wireless.

THE KUOMINTANG PARTY SPLIT.

STRONG APPEAL BY MR. TAN YEN-KAI.

MEMBERS ASKED TO MAKE BEST OF BAD JOB.

WORKING FOR PEACE.

Shanghai, Aug. 15.
A strong appeal for harmony in
the Kuomintang, for members to
sink their differences and to
make the best of the present situa-
tion, was made by Mr. Tan Yen-kai,
at the formal closing ceremony in
connection with the Fifth Plenary
Session, held at the C.E.C. Head-
quarters this morning.

Twenty-two members of the Ex-
ecutive Committee were present,
Marshal Li Chai-sum being again
a notable absentee.
The ceremony was quite brief.
The will of the late Dr. Sun Yat-
sen was read, after which Mr. Tan
Yen-kai addressed the gathering,
his speech, roughly translated, deal-
ing with the future outlook.

Session Concluded.

"The Northern Expedition hav-
ing been completely successful, the
Central Executive Committee con-
vened the Fifth Plenary Session in
order that the Party might at once
proceed to follow the principles and
policies laid down by the late Dr.
Sun Yat-sen.

"The Session has now been con-
cluded and resolutions have been
passed with which all members of
the Party are in agreement.

"Wishes of the Conference."

"It is to be hoped, however, that
civil leaders, militarists and all
classes, will endeavour to meet the
wishes of the Conference and do
their best to put the resolutions
into practice.

"Within the country we are work-
ing for peace and good order.
Without we are working for the
freedom of our race and for equal-
ity among the family of nations."

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek in-
timated that he proposes to call a
conference at Nanking for the pur-
pose of discussing the demobilisa-
tion of the superfluous troops. He
has requested Marshals Feng Yu-
shiang and Yen Hsi-shan to attend.
It is also thought possible that
General Chang Hsiang-liang will
send a delegate.

New War Office.

It has also been decided that
for the time being, no changes are
likely to take place in the various
Government Departments in Nan-
king, except in the case of the Mil-
itary Council. This will be reor-
ganised into a kind of War Office,
the officials of which will be ap-
pointed by the Political Council, Nan-
king.

German Treaty Negotiations.

Nanking, Aug. 15.
The German Minister to Peking,
Dr. von Borch, has

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PRACTICE TO BE STOPPED IN KWANGTUNG.

Mr. Wong Cheah, Commissioner of Education, has drawn up a set of regulations for the guidance of school authorities in stopping the practice of co-education, says the Canton Gazette. The Municipal Bureau of Education has been instructed to circulate these regulations to all city municipal schools, while steps will be taken to inform all provincial schools of these rules.

The rules provide:

1. That beginning with the next semester co-education will not be permitted in Middle schools and Higher schools in any part of the province of Kwangtung, irrespective whether the schools are run by public authorities or are under private control.
2. That in towns such as Chungshan, Waiyang, Swatow, Kwoyiu, Muiyun, Linyun, and Tolshan, where Middle Schools for Girls have been established, all girl students hitherto attending at schools for boys, must now attend at the schools for girls only.
3. That in towns where schools for girls have not been established, the magistrates and municipal authorities are to raise funds and open schools for girls. Should it be found impossible to open such schools, separate classes are to be formed, with separate class rooms, or else the Girls' Higher Primary Schools are to be enlarged. In such cases the additional expenses incurred are to be defrayed by the magistrates or municipalities. In the case of private schools, the magistrates or city authorities may, at their discretion, grant subsidies to the school proprietors.
4. That should there be insufficient girl students to warrant the formation of separate classes, co-education will be permitted to be continued, but report of such circumstances must be made to the Department of Education for approval, and a list of the girl students in attendance must be furnished.
5. That beginning with the next semester, Middle Schools for boys should not advertise for girl students.

CANTON BOYCOTT.

PICKETS STILL WORRYING THE MERCHANTS.

Canton, Aug. 15.

To-day, near the Customs Examination Shed, a quarrel took place between the pickets of the Boycott Committee and the consignees of certain cargo. The dispute ended in the police stepping in and removing the goods to the police station. What the boxes contained does not appear, for the owner would not allow the pickets to open them.

This merchandise will remain at the police office until the Chief of Police disposes of the case.

About a week ago the Municipal Chamber of Commerce petitioned the Provincial Kuomintang to alleviate the suffering of the merchants, and to induce the boycotters to reduce the fine imposed on importers of Japanese wares. The Provincial Kuomintang, turned the petition over to the Boycott Committee to take such action as it saw fit.

The Boycott Committee have recently made an open threat to punish severely those merchants who do not register and make a declaration of the Japanese goods which they have in stock, and to likewise punish anyone who has filed a false declaration, increasing the fine to sixty per cent.

The King and Queen were present at Sandown Park to see the Eclipse Stakes.

FAMINE RELIEF.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHINA COMMISSION.

The annual report of the China International Famine Relief Commission has now been published, the preface stating:

The year 1927 was one of the most difficult in the experience of our organization. The activity of the provincial committees whose efforts we co-ordinate extends in principle over all of China. But the political events, the internal dissensions and the hostilities which have affected numerous parts of the country have often delayed the development of our work and impeded our relations with the provincial committees and the local authorities.

In spite of all obstacles, we are able to account for the work of eight out of thirteen of the provincial committees, as well as of the district of Jehol, where a regular committee is about to be organized.

The five committees whose accounts we have not received are those of Shanghai, Shanai, Hunan, Szechuan and Shensi. We know, however, through correspondence received at our Head Office, that the committee at Shanghai has developed a praise-worthy activity in affording relief to the civil victims of the outrages committed by the communists in the province of Kwangtung. It appears that the Hunan Committee has also started carrying out a rather extensive plan of relief. The misfortunes which this committee has striven to remedy were due to interior troubles rather than to natural causes.

The political prospects having cleared up in the course of the current year 1928, the Commission hopes that the general condition of the country will soon improve and that the work of the provincial committees will be facilitated accordingly.

So long as the government, absorbed by the solution of more urgent problems, does not consider it a duty to assume the task of relieving the distress of the people affected by natural calamities (made still worse in many districts by the effects of the civil war) the China International Famine Relief Commission will not fail to continue, with all the zeal of which it is capable, the philanthropic work to which it has devoted itself. The Commission hopes to succeed with the help of the authorities, and the general public who have always been in sympathy with it, and to whom the Commission is happy to be able to express here with its sincerest gratitude.

Work in Kiangsi.

With regard to Kiangsi the report states that the Commission was given an opportunity to participate in what may turn out to be another epoch-making undertaking in the regeneration of a modern China. Our services for 1926 were utilized to reclaim areas of inundated land in the Kan Valley. Those for 1928 have been in the direction of road building. The Kiangsi Committee, with the co-operation of the Commission, is devoting itself to the construction of a motor road from Kiangsi's capital to Puchow, the first portion of a trunk running through the province toward Fukien. The economic value of this road is said to be incalculable. When completed, the farmers in central Kiangsi will be able to transport their products over-land, thus effecting saving of time and outlay of capital. This particular road was first constructed, in preference to other lines, because of its high economic value to agriculture.

In December, the Kiangsi Committee decided on a road building programme and a plan was outlined when the Chief Engineer visited that province and went over the field. The first road to be built by the Committee will go from Nanchang to Puchow, 60 miles up the Fu Ho. In this the magistrates will co-operate, furnishing all labour in excess of the \$200.00 per li to be subscribed by the Famine Committee. Our engineers take complete charge of this work.

ROW IN SAI STREET.

POLICEMAN AND FIREMEN ARE BOUND OVER.

The case in which three firemen and a lifeman in the employ of the Fire Department, were charged with assaulting a Chinese policeman in the execution of his duties, was concluded yesterday, both the complainant and the defendants being bound over.

In further submission of his point that there was a woman in the case, Mr. M. K. Lo, for the defence, suggested that the constable was not solely actuated by his sense of duty when he went up into the floor at Sai Street and got into trouble with the firemen who were with a girl of doubtful character. His case was that the complainant knew the girl and that his jealousy when he discovered her with the other men, precipitated the row.

The Magistrate (Major C. Wilson) observed that the evidence did not show that a whistle was blown, before the complainant went into the floor to investigate matters, as he said.

On Mr. Lo agreeing to his clients being bound over together with the complainant, his Worship ordered all the parties to sign a bond, guaranteeing their good behaviour.

MARSHAL LI COMING.

TELEGRAM ANNOUNCES HIS HOMECOMING.

Canton, Aug. 15.

Marshal Li's wire telling of his homecoming reached here on Tuesday. Mr. Chu Chao-hsin, the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, is also making ready to come back to Canton. Here he will get his affairs and the affairs of the Foreign Office in shape so that he can leave for Japan and assume the post of Minister at Tokyo.

Lee Man-yan of the Provincial Treasury, Fung Chuk-min's representative at the financial conference recently held at Nanking, arrived here yesterday.

A wireless from General Hau King-long was picked up by the local station yesterday informing the government he is sending troops to the area about Chaochow which is being overrun by bandits.

Other reports state that the trouble in the Chaochow district is not from robbers and pirates, but from communists and other elements, that seek the overthrow of the government.

Unofficial despatches from Wuchow say that Governor Wang Shao-hung is making ready to leave his capital for Kwelin. With him will travel several officials, magistrates and members of the Propaganda Bureau.

and our Committee furnished the power roller to handle the surfacing, which will be of gravel from the Fu Ho.

A Big Programme.

The clay soil of Kiangsi is slippery and surfacing is therefore necessary in the wet months. At present there are only narrow stone paved wheel-barrow paths and the water routes for moving freight and passengers. No cart roads were seen in this region. The Commission is taking part in a new move in this province to provide motor roads. It already has engineers in the field making surveys. Construction will start in March.

Along with the work of the Commission goes similar work by the provincial government of Kiangsi, which has asked that our Chief Engineer also act as their adviser on roads. Thus we are co-operating in a large programme for extending and improving the system of transportation. If peaceful conditions prevail this province can become motorized as rapidly as Kweichow or Kwangsi.



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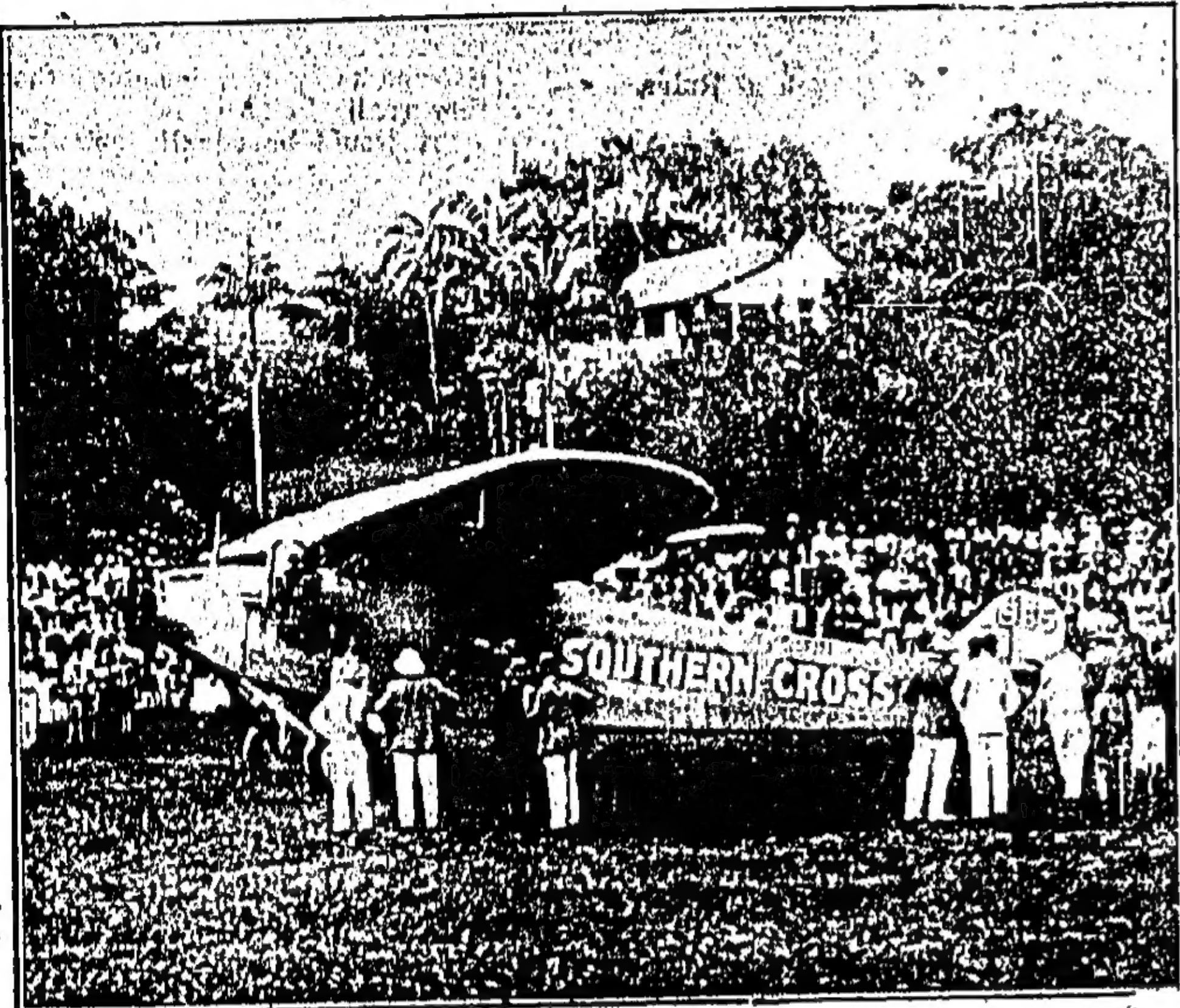
Lord Munster and Miss Hilary Wilson were married at St. Margaret's, Westminster on July 9. Our picture shows the bride and bridegroom leaving the church after their wedding. (Times copyright).



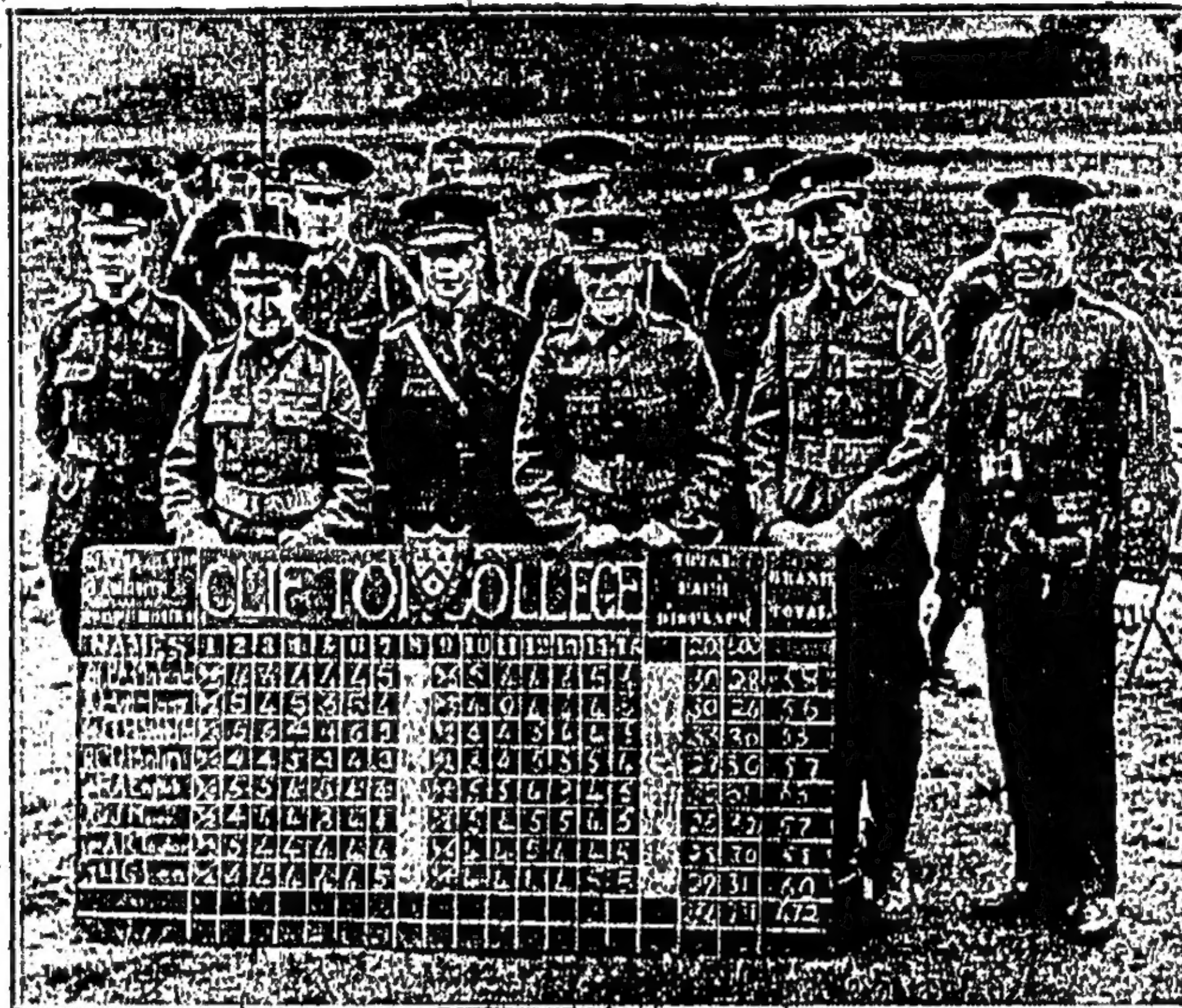
This probably is the last picture ever taken of Captain Roald Amundsen. The Norwegian explorer, centre, is receiving best wishes from the Italian Ambassador, in Oslo, Norway, before he started his ill-fated trip northward to search for General Nobilio and his men.



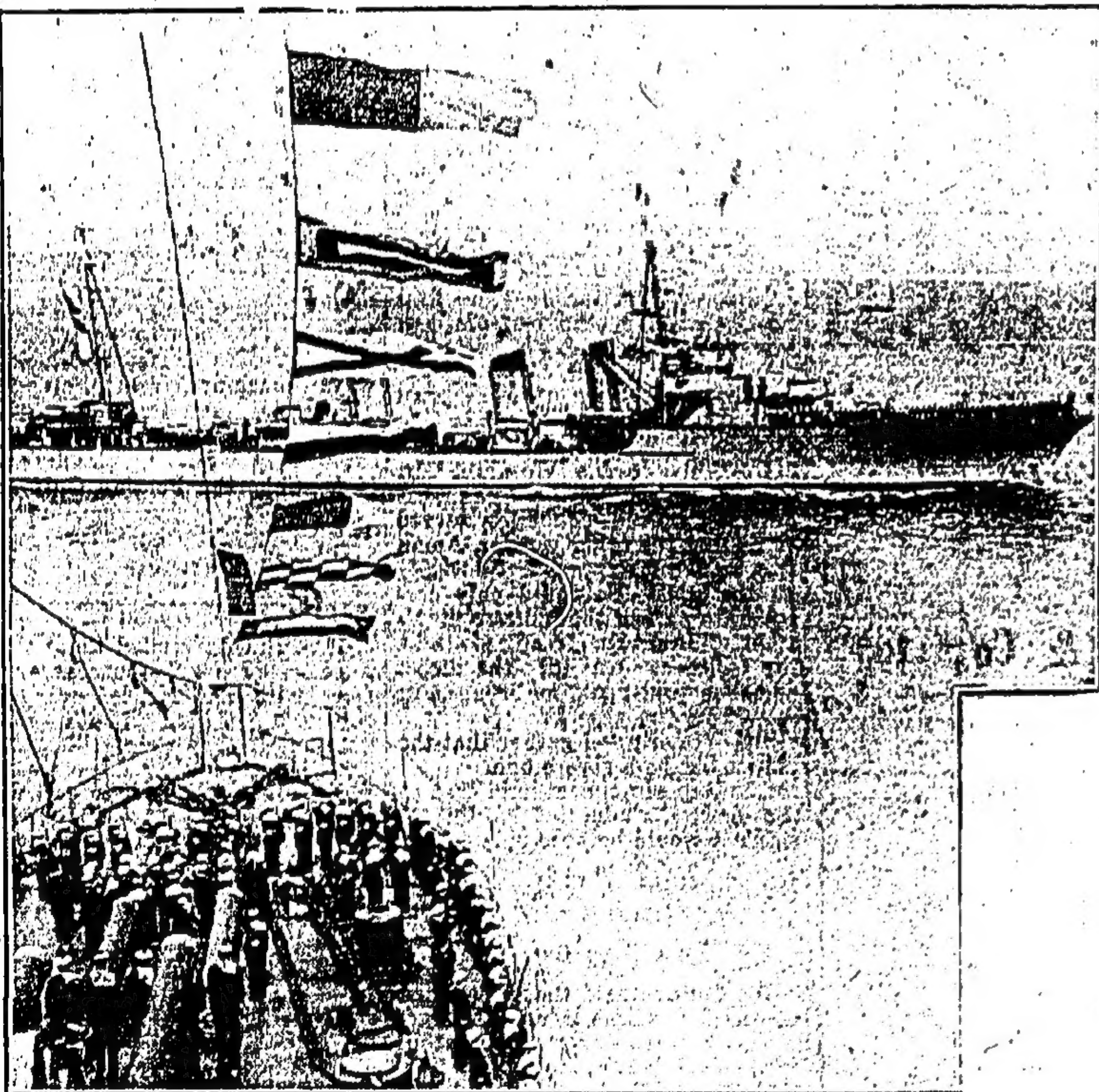
Our picture shows Captain D. E. Riddell's Alsatian wolf dog, Coronah, of Kyle—a prizewinner at the Championship Show of the Richmond Dog Show Society. (Times copyright).



The aeroplane Southern Cross at Suva, Fiji, at the end of the second stage in the successful flight across the Pacific from Oakland, California, to Brisbane. It recently made a non-stop flight across Australia. (Times copyright).



One of the principal events at Bisle was the shooting for the Ashburton Shield, in which competition 72 teams from the public schools were entered. Our picture shows the winning team—the Clifton College—photographed with their score-board after the competition. (Times copyright).



The French President recently reviewed the combined fleets of the Mediterranean and Northern Forces of the French Navy at Le Havre. Our picture shows the flotilla leader Jaguar, with the President aboard, passing the battleship Jean Bart. (Times copyright).



The fliers of the "sesqui-plane" Roma who contemplate a non-stop flight from U. S. to Rome are pictured here. Left to right Captain Peter Bonelli, navigator; Captain Cesare Sabelli; Lieutenant Roger Q. Williams, co-pilot. Above and below are views of their peculiarly-winged craft.



Com. Casimir Kubala.



Here is the big Amiot biplane in which Commandant Louis Ljtkowsky and Commandant Casimir Kubala, Polish aviators, planned to fly the Atlantic in a scheduled hop from Le Bourget Field, Paris, to New York. The attempt met with disaster, the machine running into a storm and turning round to make an 800-mile return flight to Europe made a forced descent off Cape Finisterre. Both airmen were saved.



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E. D. C. WOLFE,
Capt. Supt. of Police.
Hong Kong, 15th August, 1928.

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Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 20th day of August, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

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| 1 | As per plan. | 1,455 | \$4 | \$5.18 |

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ATTACKED PRISONER ON CHINESE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

ed his tin, witness went up to him and urged him to come along with the other prisoners. By this time, some of the other prisoners had already got down on to the lower floor and were waiting.

Witness said *faitee*. Accused would not listen, but hit him on the head with his tin.

His Worship:—You touched him?

Witness:—No, I did not touch him.

His Worship:—But surely you must have taken hold of his arm to make him come along with you?

Witness:—What I did was to catch hold of him by his jacket. At the sink, he turned on you and struck your head with the mug?—Yes.

Witness explained that the mug was full of water and it was used as a weapon. His head was broken and he bled profusely. He immediately seized the accused by the neck and took him down below to the Principal Warder on duty at the time.

Branch of Rules.

Replying to another question, witness said nobody was allowed to get water at that hour. The accused was breaking a rule when he went to fill his mug.

His Worship:—Was anybody in view when the assault took place?—There were a number of persons who saw it, but I don't think they will give evidence.

I didn't ask that. I asked if anybody was in view?—There were, some of them.

Is it correct that before the assault the accused ran back into his cell?—It was not so.

Quite sure of that?—Yes. Directly I took him out of his cell he ran to the tap.

He said that, before the assault, he rushed back into his cell?—No.

More Denials.

That you followed him there and that the assault actually took place in the cell?—That was not true.

Did you at any time touch him in an indecent way?—No; I didn't.

Did you in fact strike him before he struck you?—I didn't.

His Worship:—Prisoner, have you got any other question? The accused again reiterated his previous accusation. He said the Indian was endeavouring to divest him of his clothing.

His Worship resuming his examination of the Indian:—Is it correct to say that certain European prisoners were allowed to get water?—No-one was allowed to get water at that time.

No prisoner of any kind was allowed to get water at that time?—That is the case.

When you got hold of his neck was his coat torn?—Yes.

How was it torn?—The first time, when I got hold of his coat after he had struck me with the mug.

It only got torn after he had struck you?—Yes, after I had seized him.

In reply to his Worship, Mr. Franks said he could not see what particular good could be served by calling the other warder, Aman Din, as the latter was not actually on the spot. He could only corroborate part of the Indian's statement. What was already given by the witness was all the direct evidence that could be brought in regard to the assault.

His Worship:—I gather that the blow must be a severe one.

The Superintendent said that as the blow was admitted he did not think it would be necessary to put Dr. Alexander Cannon, who examined the Indian's injuries, into the witness-box.

A Deep Cut.

Dr. Cannon said the Indian had received a deep cut on his head, while from an X-ray examination it was shown that the bone in a little finger of his right hand was also fractured.

Accused, on being asked if he had any statement to make, now said that he was pressed to the ground for two minutes before he could struggle and free himself sufficiently to permit the hand with which he was holding the mug to swing round and bring it in contact with the Indian's skull.

His Worship remarked that statement was something new, which he now heard for the first time. His Worship pointed out that the accused had started by saying that the Indian caught hold of his jacket and then accused struck him.

Accused:—I did not strike him until after I had been held down for two minutes. He then pushed me from Cell No. 60 to 63.

His Worship:—Have you got any witnesses?

Absent witnesses.

On accused stating that quite a number saw the assault, his Worship asked the Superintendent if the production of any witnesses that accused wished to call could be arranged.

FAMOUS WOMAN PREACHER.

(Continued from Page 1.)

cause of world peace. The nature of her addresses can be gathered from some of the titles, such as "The following: "Can we set the World in order?" "Sex and Commonsense," "The Morals of the Rising Generation," and "Peace and the British Empire."

What Christianity Could Do.

In the course of another interview, Miss Royden said:—"It should not be stated that Christianity has been tried and failed, but rather that Christianity has been tried and given up because it proved too difficult."

"Christianity would revolutionize all our standards of life, if we should adopt it. We would have to live on an entirely different plane."

"It was an astonishing revelation to Christian people when the Salvation Army, by its work, convinced them that God really cared for fallen women, though they had all heard the story of the woman taken in adultery read in church, listened to it, and imagined that they really believed it."

"It would be equally astonishing if some spiritual leader rose who could make us understand what our Lord really felt about intolerance, for instance. The same would be true about wealth, or self-righteousness."

"Perhaps the world would right-about-face. But we would find it difficult. And I am not sure we would feel it was the thing to do. Take the problem of voluntary poverty, for instance. In the light of specific tests of Christianity, I think it is very hard for human nature to practice Christianity."

A Varied Career.

A daughter of the late Sir T. Royden, Bart., Miss Royden was educated at Cheltenham Ladies' College and Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. After social service in Liverpool and elsewhere she became actively interested in the women's suffrage movement, and she remains to-day an ardent champion of woman's rights and responsibilities.

Though a devoted member of the Church of England, her religious work and influence have always extended far beyond the borders of the Established Church, and from 1917 to 1920 she was associated with the Rev. R. J. Campbell at the City Temple, where she became very well-known to Londoners, as afterwards during her ministry at the Guildhouse.

Her present tour started in December of last year, and she spent the following four months in the United States. She then went to New Zealand, and June and July have been devoted to a comprehensive tour of Australia, which concluded with a three-days flight in a Western Australian Airways machine from Perth to Broome. From Hongkong Miss Royden will go to Japan, and return to England via Colombo and, if possible, the Persian Gulf and the overland route to England. She hopes to be back in London late in January of next year.

Mr. Franks replied that there were some remanded prisoners who were with the accused when he was let out of his cell, but he could not say if they were still there. That was the first time the accused had expressed a wish to call witnesses from these. Had he suggested that before, he (Mr. Franks) certainly would have arranged for them to be present in Court.

Accused was again asked if he could bring forward these witnesses.

Accused replied that there were so many of them present at the time, that he could not recall or identify any particular one. He added that he would not now wish to call them.

The Sentence.

Without making any further comment, his Worship inflicted a sentence of three months' hard labour.

On being informed of the sentence, the accused, in an outburst of temper, asked why it was that he was being penalised, in being sentenced to three months' imprisonment, in view of the assault which he had already received from the warder? Still loudly protesting against the sentence, he was ordered out of the Court and marched in the direction of the Gaol.

It will be recalled that the accused was recently discharged after being called upon to answer a charge of slaying the cook of the s.s. Perlek on the high seas, owing to an autopsy not having been performed on the deceased after his death in hospital at Manila. Accused was being held in custody awaiting deportation when the incident which formed the subject of the present case, occurred.

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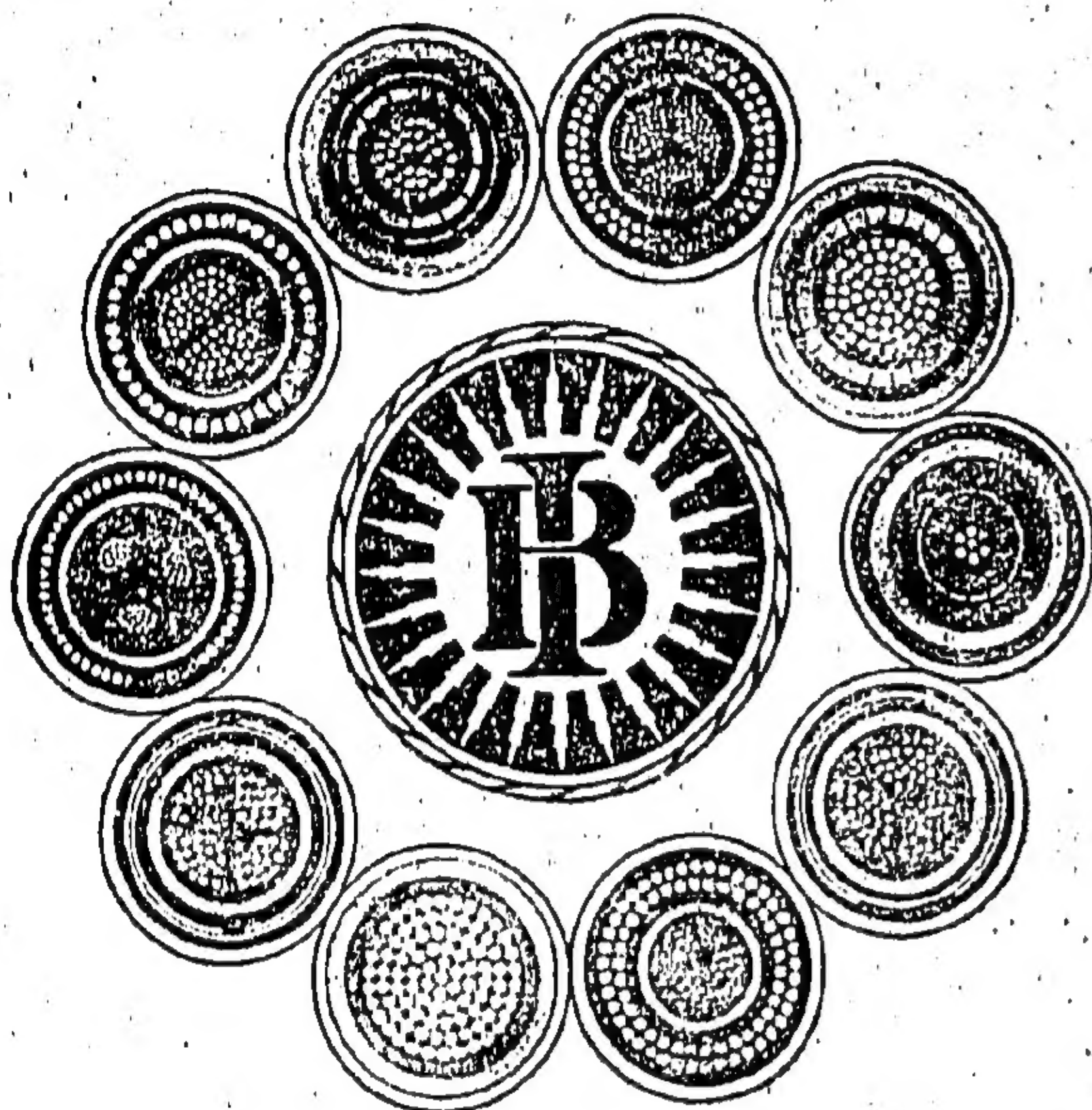
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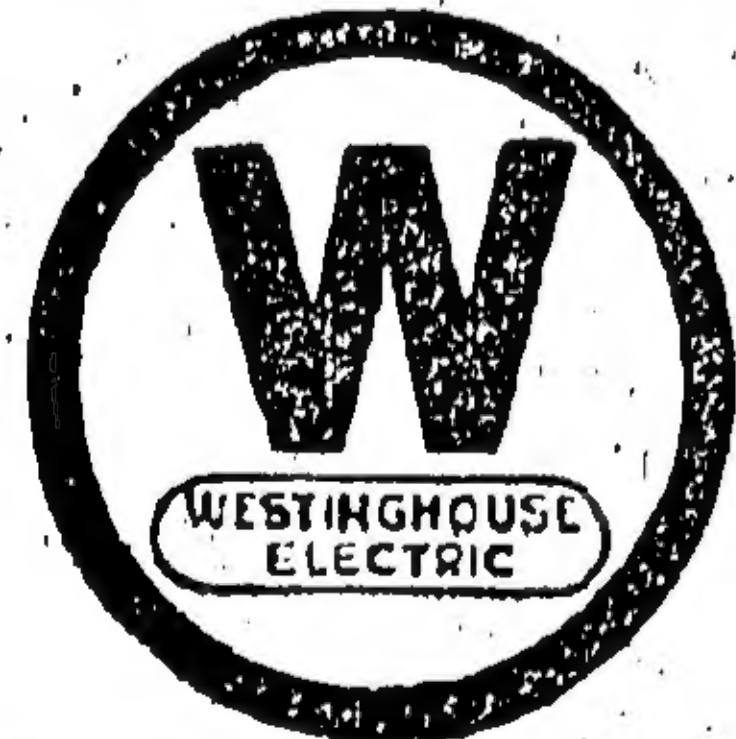


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To glad surprise.Somewhere a throb of sympathy
That stirred your heart
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your own home on a larger scale.
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ginia, Mrs. Randle's term "home-
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that heart warming Southern hos-
pitality. Her hair for it gave her
fame as the successful manager
of the largest bachelor hotel in the
world before she took her present
position."Women instinctively pay atten-
tion to details, to the small wants
of guests," Mrs. Randle said.
"Women are much more consistent
in their policies than men, I really
believe. And of course their
intuition tells them when to make
an exception to their hard and
fast hotel rules.""I do not think women can do
everything. In such exact
sciences as bridge or skyscraper
building, for instance, I think only
the exceptional woman could ever
succeed. But in all work where
the human equation enters, women
are at home and therefore have
a better chance at success."The fluffy wrap is very popular for tennis, the pale
colours are worn quite as much as white and cream this
season. There is a tucked edge to the deep, cape-like collar
of the coat sketched, which was expressed in a soft shade
of pale green. Tucks figure on the cuffs, too, and outline
the pockets. With the coat is worn a pleated tennis frock
of washing silk, bound with pale green.

"Tidiness."

THE LATEST NOTE IN PARIS
HEADRESS.Paris.—Her hair was once a
glory—now it is her hat. Not a
hair to be seen under that tight
black cap that she wears with
such an air!There were three of them sit-
ting together at ten this week.
Each one in a light black cap,
one of ribbon tightly draped,
and with the ends twisted round into
fans, one of which was coiled
round towards the cheek and set
flat, the other being also twisted
and flat, but with only one point
touching the cheek. For the rest,
the cap was moulded to the head,
tight as a drum. In each pink ear
glowed a fat little scarab-blue
solitaire. That touch of blue
relieved the black cap from gloom
and caught the eye of the passer-
by with its brightness.Again there was the cap made
of varnished straw treated as hair
and shaped into what looked like
a black silk wig. By stitchings it
was compressed into waves, and
round the brow its shiny black-
ness was softly coiled to lie flat
on either cheek. No ornament
trimmed it, no gleaming diamond
pin rivalled the shiny blackness of
its surface. The face under it
alone glowed like a jewel with
rosy cheeks and cherry tips and
sparkling eyes.

Earrings.

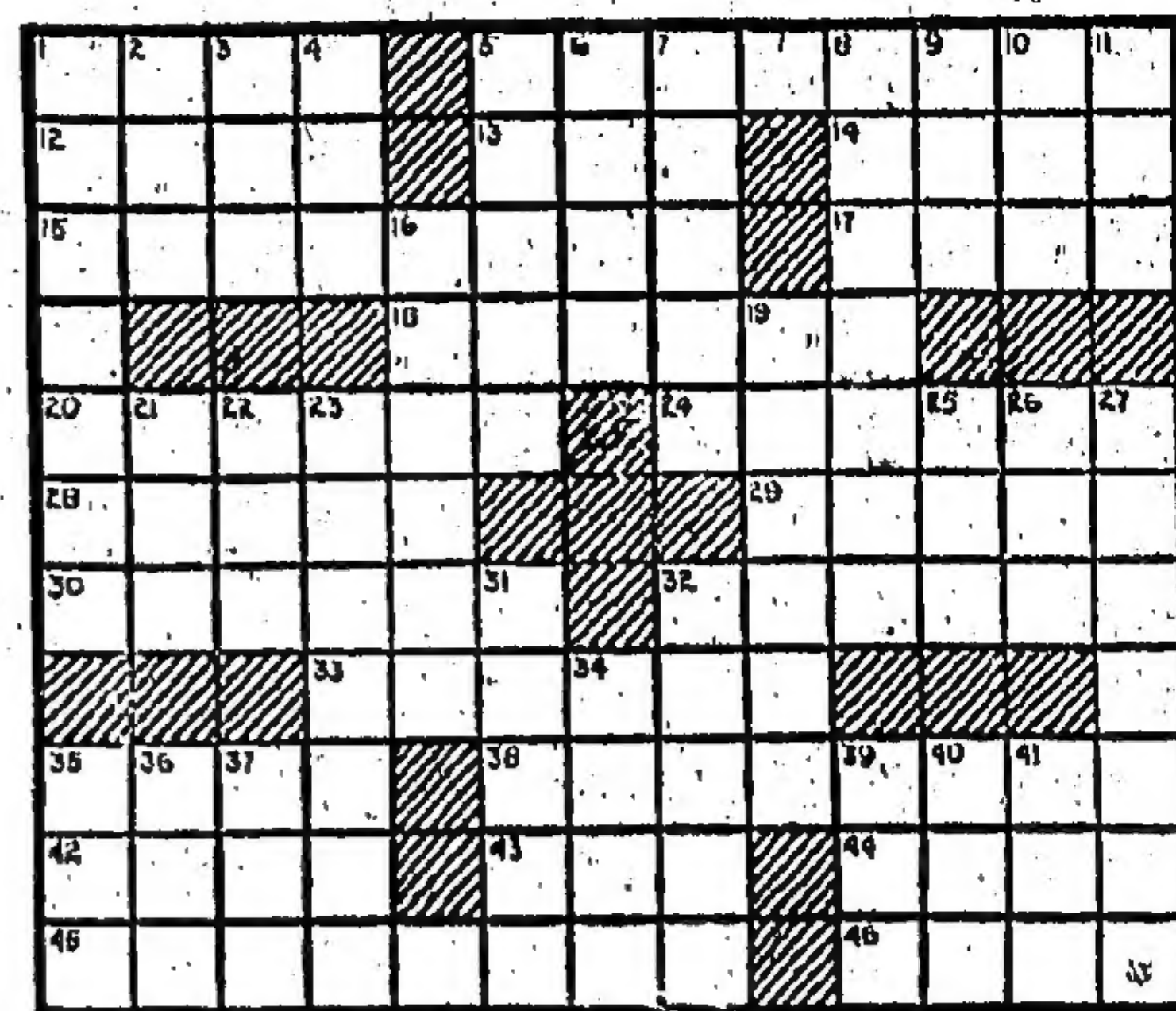
The third was in felt and velvet.
A felt cap with a swathing of
velvet cut on the cross and tied
into a long looped single bow on
the left side, the point of whichtouched the shoulder. Earrings
were not worn with this last cap.
With the other two they were—
solitaires and plain gold rings.
It is always the toque or cap
which inspires the Parisienne to
wear earrings during the day.
With a brimmed hat she usually
refrains from them.The complete eclipse of the hair
by these close-fitting caps makes
it inevitable that the complexion
should be most carefully attend-
ed to. Only in one instance was
a glimpse of what was once a
woman's glory visible. Across
the brow, where the cap ran back-
wards, a curl was allowed to
stray.

No Rebellious Curls.

Under hats with brims the hair
is still worn to wave softly about
the cheeks and ears, but no re-
bellious curls may be let loose.
Tidiness is pushed to extremely
in hairdressing, in the trimming
of hats, and in complexion mak-
ing. Tidy eyebrows, lips reddened
to fine lines, everything about
the face and head exquisitely
drawn and fashioned. That is the
latest rule.Velvet trimmings on straw and
felt hats have superseded those
in grosgrain to some degree.
They are an improvement, since
they are softer, more feminine,
yet as tidy. On natural coloured
straws tight swathings of velvet
cut on the cross and tied into flat
bows, firmly attached to the hat,
are worn. On black straw and
felt, black velvet may be the trim-
ming of coloured velvet.In no case is a hat heavily or
fussily trimmed, simplicity and
tidiness being the keynote to
really good millinery as to all
good styles in dress.

By a Lady in Paris.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



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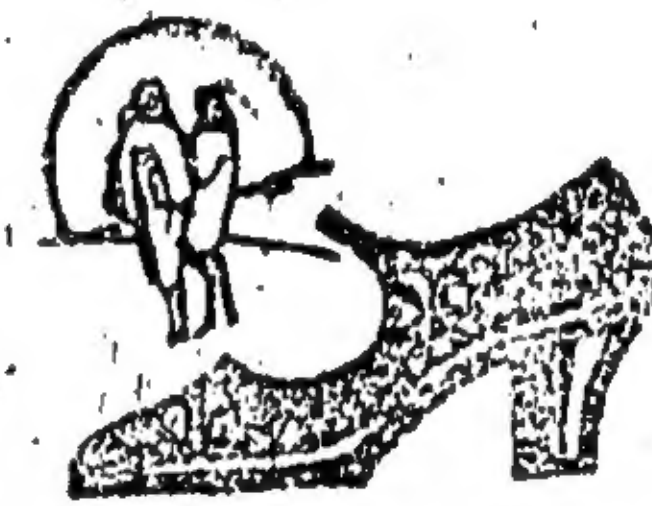
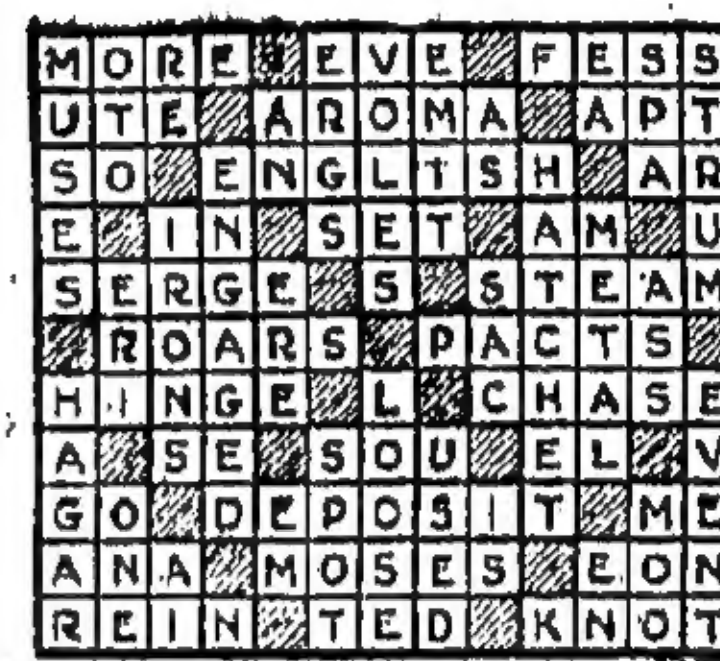
- 1 Granted facts.
- 5 Mollifies.
- 12 A metal.
- 13 Striped camel's hair cloth.
- 14 Source of ipecac.
- 15 Opportunities.
- 17 Tropical tree yielding illuminat-
ing wax.
- 18 Pine resin.
- 20 To make slower.
- 24 A dolphin.
- 28 Vassal.
- 29 Fog.
- 30 To ornament the surface with
raised work.
- 32 Left in the lurch.
- 33 A type of letter used in printing.
- 35 Hurried.
- 38 One who defames another.
- 42 To reel.
- 43 Part of verb "to be."
- 44 Edge of a roof.
- 46 Parts of optical instruments
comprising the microscope.
- 46 Feared reverentially.

Vertical.

- 1 Dissimilar.
- 2 Constellation.
- 2 2000 pounds.
- 4 Social insect.
- 5 Called on in a hotel lobby.
- 6 To torment.
- 7 Tinselled.
- 8 Pertaining to the United States.
- 9 Yellow bugle.

- 10 Snake-like fish.
- 11 Capuchin monkey.
- 12 To approach.
- 13 Neophyte.
- 21 Tree.
- 22 Tiny flap.
- 23 Shunned.
- 25 Suitable.
- 26 Female of the fallow deer.
- 27 Commanded.
- 31 Preparation of vegetables dress-
ed with condiments.
- 32 Scoff.
- 34 Silver coins used in Italy.
- 36 Mineral spring.
- 38 Constant companion.
- 37 Silk worm.
- 39 Meadow.
- 40 Legal rule.
- 41 Night preceding a holiday.

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THE BLOW AT CANTON.

The first round in the struggle for power between the Leftists and the Moderates within the Kuomintang Party has gone in favour of the former by the decision at the Nanking Conference to abolish the Provincial Branch Political Councils. Though the decision is made applicable to all such organizations, there is no disguising the fact that it is primarily directed against the Hankow and Canton Administrations, which, although owing nominal allegiance to Nanking, have maintained a large measure of political independence and have claimed and exercised financial freedom. It is, however, one thing for Nanking's Plenary Session to pass a resolution, and quite another to put it into force. Speculation will therefore now centre on possible developments should any attempt be made to coerce either Hankow or Canton into surrendering their power.

From the ideal standpoint, of course, it is only right and proper that provisional Administrations should be brought under complete control of the Central Government. At the moment, however, we have to take the situation as it is, and if we do that we shall probably reach the conclusion, that the question of expediency enters largely into the matter. Dr. Wang Chung-hui, the Nationalist Minister of Justice, in the interview which he accorded to the *Telegraph* yesterday, took a very common-sense attitude on the question when he urged that it should be considered solely from the practical point of view, which is whether the abolition of the Councils will be conducive to successful government in the provinces. In other words, which system will, under present conditions, yield the better results—one under which the Central Government attempts to control the whole country under officials willing to respect its absolute authority, or the other which is typified by the existence of what may be termed semi-independent Political Councils in the pro-

vinces? Dr. Wang Chung-hui doubts very much whether political power can be very highly centralised under present circumstances, and thinks that uniformity of rule can only be attained by degrees. This strikes us as a very sane reading of the position and betokens the outlook of a wise student of national development. In this matter, as in so many others, the ideal state cannot be attained in a day. Patience is needed, and experience also, before the full measure of reform can be reached.

Unhappily, there is ample evidence that this particular question has not been approached in Nanking either from the standpoint of practicality or expediency. Rather, it has been made a purely party-political issue. The Leftists, we may be sure, are animated less by what is good for the country than by their desire to wrest power from their political rivals. They have, for the time being, carried the day, but we imagine that the real issue has yet to be fought out. Putting aside the rights or wrongs of the case, we here in Hongkong certainly know one thing—which is that Canton under its present rule has been enjoying such a period of quietude and gives such promise of steady development and rehabilitation that it would be a thousand pities were anything to occur to interrupt the good work already begun. It is on these grounds that we trust there will be no serious outcome of the Kuomintang Conference's decision so far as the South is concerned. From the purely practical standpoint, the present system works well in this part of China at any rate.

Startling Accusations.

Mr. Putnam Wente is clever enough to gauge more accurately than most the effect likely to be produced by his startling version of the assassination of Marshal Chang Tso-lin. The well-known political author is by no means the first to suggest Japanese complicity, but having for weeks adopted the role of amateur detective, he chooses a time when relations between Tokyo and Mukden are critical, to formulate an ugly charge that the crime was inspired by Japanese ambitions in Manchuria. He expresses the belief that the destruction of Chang's train was carried out by a Japanese secret society, abetted by Japanese military men, as an act of political expediency, the essence of the plot failing only because of quick-witted and cautious treatment of the situation in Mukden. Mr. Putnam Wente traces the origin of the crime to a masked struggle between Tokyo and Mukden concerning new railways which the Manchurian authorities have built or are building in direct conflict with Japanese wishes, points to an agreement initiated by Chang Tso-lin at Peking which would have given Japan complete railway paramountcy throughout Manchuria, and to Japan's frantic efforts to obtain ratification, unavailingly. Mr. Putnam Wente suggests that Chang Tso-lin, having allowed second thoughts to interfere with the railway agreement, met his death as a logical sequence. But what is the new evidence adduced? We find nothing which is not purely circumstantial and apparently it is entirely derived from Chinese sources. The remainder of the statement consists of known facts and of surmises. The charge is an extremely serious one and the world will at this stage accept the accusations with considerable reserve. It is certainly only fair that Japan should be given an opportunity of replying before judgment is pronounced, though it is at once obvious that her position in Manchuria throws open suspicion. Mr. Putnam Wente makes mention of a report by a Sino-Japanese official inquiry, and it is a thousand pities, from the Japanese point of view, that he is unable to say it has not been published. Mr. Putnam Wente is an honourable man. He is placing his evidence, and the inference drawn, before Mr. Yoshizawa, the Japanese Minister in Peking, thereby bringing his statements to the official notice of the Japanese Government. It is possible that as a result, an investigation, much needed to clear the air one way or another, will be ordered. As regards Japan's present attitude in Manchuria, it appears that a compromise has been reached regarding Chang Hsueh-liang's rapprochement with Nanking, the

DAY BY DAY.

Avarice is the vice of declining years.—George Bancroft.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

The Ben Line s.s. Benlawers, from Singapore, is due here on the 22nd instant.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Franklin returned to the Colony by the Blue Funnel s.s. Calchas yesterday.

An amended notification states that the s.s. Warfield, from Singapore, is due here to-morrow morning.

The motor vessel Toledo (D. & Co.) sailed from Norfolk on the 29th July and is expected here on the 24th Sept.

The s.s. Venezia (D. & Co.) sailed from Singapore on the 15th inst. and is due here in the afternoon of the 20th inst.

The Japanese gunboat Uji, which has recently been patrolling the West River, arrived in Hongkong Harbour on a short visit this morning, when she was recorded the usual salutes.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave fewer arrivals and departures, the figures being 12 and 14 respectively, British six and eight, leaving 62 vessels in harbour, British 22.

Mrs. Tlemann, of No. 325, Kowloon Tong, was fined \$5 by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, for allowing two dogs to be abroad without a muzzle or on a lead at 6 a.m. on August 6.

Mr. Lee Nicholas, Professor of English Literature, who was going to Yokohama by the s.s. Nadera, died from cholera 24 hours before the ship arrived at Penang. The vessel was quarantined and the usual precautions observed.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. E. J. J. Spradbery, engineer, 241 Nathan Road, Kowloon, to Miss P. Spradbery Rix, 146 Maybank Road, South Woodford, England, who is on her way to the Colony on board the s.s. Morea.

Amongst the passengers who arrived to-day by the P. and O. s.s. Nadera from Home were Surgeon, Lieut. Bamford, F/Lt. Pearce, F/O. Somerhaugh, Capt. Lupton, I.A. Comdr. and Mrs. Warner, Lieut. and Mrs. Smith, and Lieut. Hutton.

Owing to the relaying of the Tramway track, Des Voeux Road, at the junction of Jackson Road, will be closed to east bound vehicular traffic from 9 a.m. on Thursday, August 16. Traffic will be diverted by way of Chater Road.

Charged with riding a bicycle with his arms folded in front of him, a Chinese was fined \$4 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. Another man was fined \$3 for carrying a passenger on the cross-bar of his cycle.

For the convenience of shipmasters and others making use of the Harbour Office, a table has been placed outside the Clearance Office, on which will be filed copies of the latest hydrographic publications. This has been made possible by the co-operation of the local Consular Body. The information promulgated will be as comprehensive as possible and strictly up to date.

Straits shipping circles will lose a well-known and popular personality when Capt. A. H. Chalmers, Senior Boarding Officer at Singapore, sails for Australia on August 18 on retirement. Capt. Chalmers has been connected with Eastern shipping for thirty-five years. He first came out from Home to join the British India Company and after seven years with them he came to the Straits, where he sailed in vessels operated by the old Kim Tian Company, the Ho Hong Company, and the Straits Steamship Company. After six years in local shipping he joined the Marine Department as a Boarding Officer, and in that capacity he has known ships' captains and officers sailing out of Singapore for the past twenty-two years.

hoisting of the National flag having been delayed until it is possible to test the prospects of unity in China. Undoubtedly Japan has vigorously pressed her point, to the extent almost of a threat of armed intervention. We are left to imagine Japan's reply in the event of foreign remonstrance. We have a shrewd suspicion that an analogy would be drawn with the Monroe Doctrine, and Britain's "vital regions."

FAREWELL TO MR. A. K. HENDERSON.**AMUSING SLOGANS ON MOTOR LORRIES.**

The high esteem in which Mr. A. K. Henderson, of the Hongkong Tramways, Ltd., is held was strikingly demonstrated this morning when Mr. Henderson left the Colony on retirement after 32 years in the Colony. Presentations have been made to Mr. Henderson during the past few days, and on Wednesday he was entertained to a dinner by members of St. Andrew's Society of which he is Vice-President.

Many officials of the Tramway Company and other friends were present at Queen's Pier this morning to say good-bye to Mr. Henderson, and shortly after 10.30 the Chinese employees of the Company came along in three motor lorries. The tower wagon was placarded with slogans and gaily decorated

About Hong Kong.**Do you know that—**

There was formerly a German Club in Wyndham Street?

It was situated opposite the present offices of the Hongkong Telegraph and was opened on February 2nd, 1872, being described as "a fine structure of Gothic design." Some years ago, it was pulled down and tenement property erected on the site.

Prior to the demolition, the German community had a big club on Kennedy Road, named the Club Germania, which is now occupied by St. Joseph's College.

with flags and its arrival was announced by the firing of strings of joss crackers.

Some of the slogans on the wagon read "Awa' an' bump yer head," "Just a wee dooch an' doris then a clachan dichter," "Hongkong 1896-1928 and still going strong," "The new Provost of Gourcock has said 'There'll be a wee drap in the bottle'," "Lord Provost of Glasgow," and "Will ye no come back again?"

The other two lorries bearing the Chinese employees of the Company were also gaily decorated with flags, and their arrival caused a large crowd to collect round the pier.

More strings of crackers were fired as Mr. Henderson said goodbye to his many friends on the pier and when he left in the launch Standard for the s.s. Changte the Chinese employees cheered loudly. Mr. Henderson standing in the bows of the launch and waving farewell.

EXCHANGE RATES.

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| New York | 4.86 9/32 |
| Brussels | 34.90 |
| Geneva | 25.21 |
| Amsterdam | 12.105 |
| Milan | 62.80 |
| Berlin | 20.37 |
| Copenhagen | 18.13 |
| Oslo | 18.10 |
| Vienna | 34.405 |
| Prague | 163% |
| Helsingfors | 193 |
| Madrid | 29.105 |
| Lisbon | 24 |
| Athens | 375 |
| Bucharest | 70 7/8 |
| Rio | 6.20/32 |
| Buenos Aires | 47.13/32 |
| Bombay | 1/5, 29/32 |
| Shanghai | 2/7% |
| Hongkong | 2/10% |
| Yokohama | 1/10% |
| Silver (spot) | 27% |
| Silver (forward) | 27 1/2/18 |

—British Wireless.

LESS THAN FOUR DAYS.**"CALCHAS" HAS GOOD RUN FROM SINGAPORE.**

The Blue Funnel s.s. Calchas (Capt. F. Badoek), which arrived last evening from Singapore, did the run up in the remarkably good time of less than four days. Her average speed on the trip was 15 knots.

The average run from Singapore to Hongkong is between four and five days, and the Calchas broke all her previous records on this trip. She brought parcels mails from Home and letter mail from Singapore.

The following donations have been gratefully received by the Chairman of the Chinese Mission to Lepers (Hongkong Auxiliary): China Exhibition \$200; St. Stephen's Girls' College \$100; Hongkong Football Association \$500.

A visitor to Hongkong is Mr. J. Sherwin, of the Australian Postal Department, Brisbane. Mr. Sherwin is on leave and has been around the world.

The Very Idea!

"Can the chairman of the Housing Committee tell us about a stowaway at Admiral House, Willow-street," asked a member at Westminster City Council recently.

"Rather," replied the chairman, Admiral Sir Henry Bruce. "Members will be interested in the event. The tenants went into the new Council dwellings on June 5. This letter will explain the circumstances."

Sir—I trust you will pardon the liberty I am taking in addressing you, but the occasion is my excuse. On the 5th I moved into this flat with my wife and six little children. We had been in two small rooms for years.

In less than twenty-four hours a son was born to us. I have taken the liberty of having him christened: Henry Bruce.

"Needless to say," added Sir Henry, "I rose to the occasion and bought him a christening mug and presented it yesterday to Henry Bruce Elvins, The father, William F. Elvins, is an ex-Service man, a sailor who served in the Battle of Jutland on H.M.S. Spitfire, and for his gallantry was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal." (Cheers.)

The conductor was up on top taking fares. The omnibus stopped, and he looked over to see if all was correct before giving the signal for re-starting.

"All right down there?" he inquired.

"Wait a minute! Wait!" cried a shrill voice. "Wait till I get my clothes on!"

With one accord passengers craned their necks over the side. What they saw was a small girl struggling to hoist a laundry basket on to the step!

Solicitor at Bow County Court: Is your lodger giving evidence for you? Landlady: She says she will not, because I put her rent up.

Man at Highbury: My life as a cyclist is rather precarious. Barrister (addressing Judge Snuggs at Bow County Court): I am obliged for your patience. If all judges were the same it would be a much happier life.

Willised magistrate: What does this man do for a living? Rate collector: He has a house, lives in the basement, lets off the rest of the house, and goes to prison for his rates.

East Ham woman (referring to her lodger): She is a liar; and that is the truth.

Mansfield woman: My husband threw me out of the house, and I fell in a puddle with a clean dress on.

"What's your idea of an optimist?"

A dead-broke individual ordering oysters with the hope that he can pay for his dinner with the pearl!

The Hungarian superstition that to meet a priest in the street is to incur ill-luck which can only be exercised by throwing a pin after him or expectorating three times, has given rise to one of the quaint lawsuits in which Hungary is prolific.

A young woman who saw a priest coming towards her in the street murmured, "A priest—Oh, I shall have no luck!" The priest overheard the remark, and threatened to call a policeman unless she disclosed her name and address; and, on obtaining it, entered a lawsuit against her. When the young woman's husband called on the priest to assure him that his wife was a good catholic, and had quite unconsciously voiced a common superstition without intention to offend, the priest replied that the young woman was a "cad," whereupon the young woman entered a cross-petition for slander.

The Tribunal decided that the priest's remark was more offensive than that of the young woman, but advised the injured parties to forgive and forget.

Peter, aged about four, saw Mrs. Brown from next door carrying a bucket of coals from the cellar.

Said Peter: "I'll help you, Mrs. Brown—and then you'll give me a biscuit."

"It's very kind of you to offer to help, Peter," said Mrs. Brown, "but I never give biscuits to little boys who ask for them."

Said Peter: "But if I didn't ask for a biscuit, how would you know I wanted one?"

"When I use the word 'I' as I frequently do...."—Mr. Bernard Shaw.

Where are the novelists who know and dare to tell us, in a way that we can believe, that the surprising thing about us is not that we are very like the beasts, but that we are just a little like God?—Dr. C. A. Allington.

I would rather be a father in God than a super-policeman.—The Bishop of Winchester.

HUGE SINGAPORE BLAZE.**DAMAGE TOTALS OVER FOUR LAKHS.****RUMOURS OF REVENGE BY COMMUNISTS.****FACTORY GUTTED.**

Singapore, Aug. 8. Sensational rumours are current in Singapore following the disastrous outbreak of fire at the Sumbawa Road factories of Mr. Tan Kah Kee yesterday evening. It is suggested that the buildings were deliberately fired by Communists as an act of revenge for Mr. Tan Kah Kee's refusal to contribute to their funds, and stories of the existence of a plot were being circulated yesterday morning.

The fire was one of the fiercest ever seen in Singapore. It completely destroyed a factory (three hundred feet long, one hundred feet wide, and two stories high, packed with inflammable materials and valuable machinery).

The blaze was visible all over Singapore, and attracted thousands of spectators, while motorists caught in the torrential downpour and thunderstorm which passed over other parts of the island saw a spectacular glow, with an occasional fountain of sparks, against the leaden sky.

Apart from the danger to Mr. Tan Kah Kee's entire group of factories around Sumbawa Road, which represent a total capital of about \$8,000,000, there was a very real menace to the congested shophouse district of the Rochore Canal, and the successful isolation of the flames must be ranked as a magnificent achievement for the Singapore Fire Brigade.

Awe-Inspiring Sight.

No official opinion as to the cause of the fire is held at present, although the Fire Brigade officers suggest that spontaneous combustion was not impossible. It is stated in some quarters that at about 6.30 an explosion was heard and a column of flame shot into the air.

This was not confirmed by Mr. Tan Kah Kee this morning, in conversation with a *Straits Times* representative, but at any rate the fire started in the felt hat factory and spread with amazing quickness. When the firemen arrived on the scene ten minutes later the flames were through the roof all along the factory.

When the roof fell in the blaze rose to a tremendous height, and the spectacle, as the heavy machinery came crashing down, was an awe-inspiring one. There was a strong wind blowing from the sea, and twice the big factory on the west side of Sumbawa Road caught alight, but each time it was saved by the firemen. People in the neighbouring shophouses and buildings were cleared out by the police, and the firemen also succeeded in saving valuable property at both ends of Sumbawa Road and on the canal bank.

Started in Empty Factory.

The cause of the fire is the more mysterious in that the first factory, where it started, had been closed for a month pending the removal of machinery. When it was discovered it had got such a hold that any attempt at extinguishing it was hopeless, and it quickly spread through a store containing thousands of pairs of completed shoes, a rubber compounding department, and the power station. Two sources of great danger were the fuel oil tank of the power station, containing about two hundred gallons, and two underground benzene tanks. Fortunately the efforts of the firemen in keeping these tanks drenched with water were successful. There were two boilers on the premises, but one was not in use, and the fire in the other immediately quenched, so that possible explosions were averted.

The factory which was destroyed had a capacity of 12,000 pairs of shoes a day, and as eighty retail stores in Malaya, China the Dutch Indies, and other countries depend on these factories for their goods, it is satisfactory to know that Mr. Tan Kah Kee is arranging to speed up production in the old factory to meet a demand of 15,000 pairs a day if necessary.

1,000 Unemployed.

About a thousand men and women have been thrown out of employment, but Mr. Tan Kah Kee is arranging to employ them in shifts, and also to feed them while they are out of work. About 160,000 pairs of shoes awaiting shipment were destroyed, and also raw rubber stock valued at \$30,000. The power station plant, which consisted of two 350 h.p. Ruston Hornby engines and two 250 h.p. Tangye engines, was valued at \$100,000, and a huge switchboard

EXCURSION TRIPS TO SHANGHAI.**AMERICAN SHIPPERS MAKE SPECIAL RATES.****BIG CUT ANNOUNCED.**

Following the recent announcement by the Dollar and American Mail Lines, relative to reduced rates for excursions to Japan in vessels under their control, a notice has been issued to-day, announcing that Shanghai will in future be included in the cheap summer itinerary.

The rates are as follows:—Hongkong to Shanghai and return \$120. Hongkong to Kobe and return \$210. Hongkong to Yokohama and return \$235.

Round trip tickets at the above rates will be sold until September 21 and will be valid for the return passage up to three months from date of issue, by any steamer of the American Mail Line, or Dollar Steamship Line (Round World Service).

A vessel of one of these lines sails from the ports to which the reduced rates apply, every few days.

WIFE DOESN'T KNOW HER NAME.**AMUSING ARGUMENT IN KOWLOON COURT.**

Much amusement was caused at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when an elderly Chinese couple who were fined \$2 each for hawking in Kimberley Road, which is within market limits, had an argument about the surname of the woman.

On each being fined \$2 the man informed his Worship that they were husband and wife.

On discovering that the surnames of the two defendants were the same, his Worship asked the woman what her name was. She insisted that it was Young, the same as the man's, whereupon the husband reprimanded her for her foolishness and said that her name was Chan.

"Why should I tell his Worship that my name is Chan when it is Young?" asked the woman of her husband, who then struck his wife's hands and told her that that was not her name.

His Worship remarked that they were presumably man and wife and had got their surnames mixed up. The fines in each case were reduced to \$1.

CRUELTY TO FOWLS.**FIVE FOUND DEAD IN CRATE.**

Charged with cruelty to chickens by overcrowding, a Chinese pleaded that the fowls were imported into the Colony from Wuchow and that they had no control over the manner in which the sellers sent the fowls to Hongkong.

The police informed the Magistrate that 75 chickens were found in a crate that should hold at the most only 50. Moreover, there was no matting at the bottom of the crate. Five of the fowls were found dead.

The defendant said the shipping people would not allow them to handle the chickens while on board, so that any intention to transfer the fowls to regulation crates was out of the question.

His Worship:—Then you can do it on the wharf?

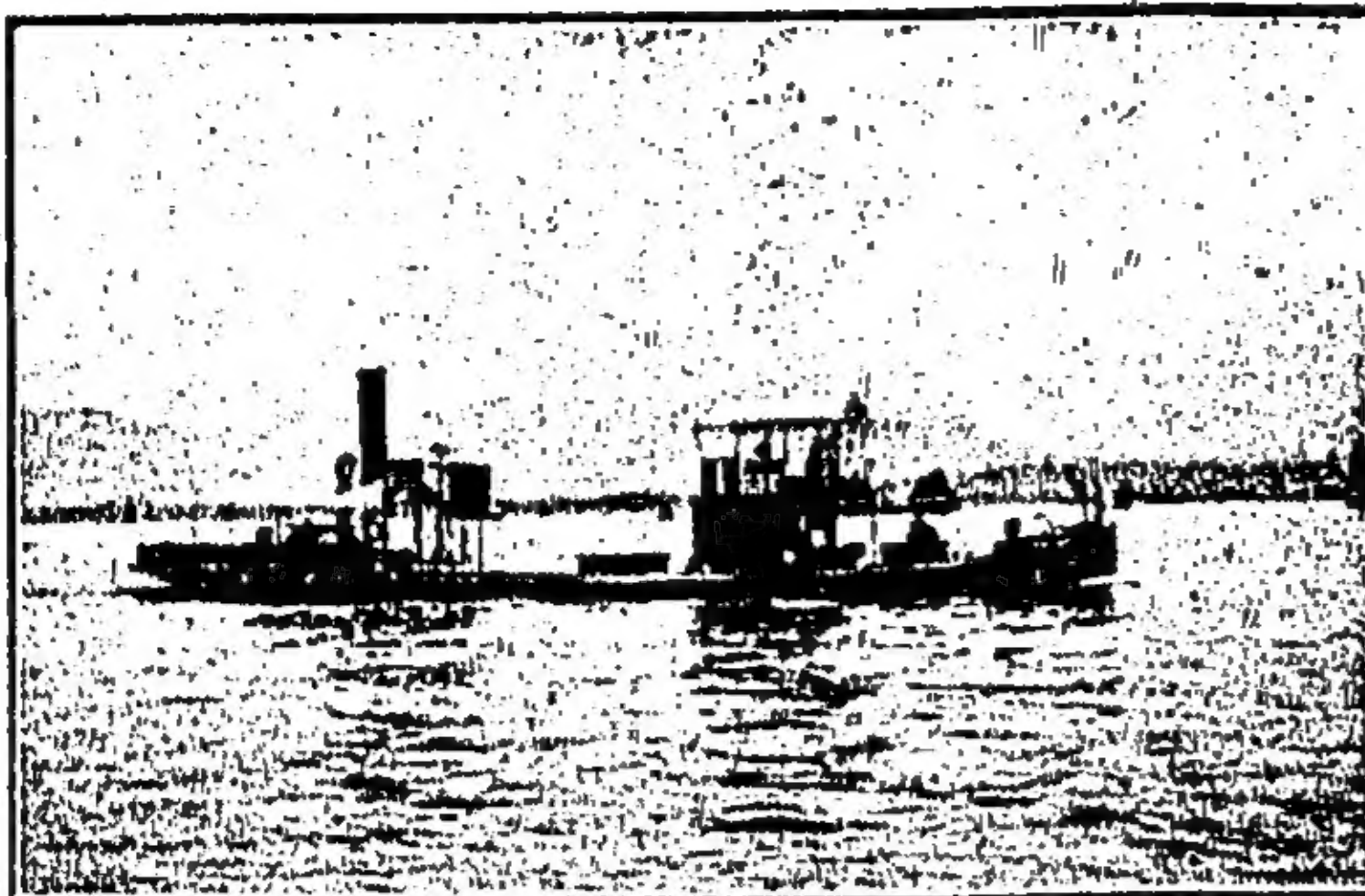
Defendant:—The wharfinger would not allow that.

Inspector Clarke, prosecuting, said that he was sure that the wharfinger would not raise any objection to the chickens being transferred to proper baskets whilst on the wharf.

A fine of \$15 was imposed.

was also gutted. This station supplied power for the entire group of factories, and Mr. Tan Kah Kee is arranging to use a 300 h.p. oil engine in his other shoe factory and obtain the balance of the required power from the Municipality. Fortunately the Majority of the stock was not affected. Five material stores are intact, and four other stores, containing 650,000 pairs of shoes, will form a useful reserve. Of 600 sewing machines only 187 were in the ravaged area, and of three main departments only one was affected.

The buildings, stock and machinery affected were insured for a total of \$383,000—machinery \$200,000, buildings \$73,000, and stock \$110,000. The risk is shared by a number of companies and no single firm is likely to lose heavily. The building has been quoted at a special rate by the Tariff Committee of Insurance Companies because the premises are situated in what is regarded as a conflagration area.

NEW HONGKONG WATER BOAT.**FIRST IN COLONY TO BE FITTED WITH MOTOR ENGINES.**

The first motor waterboat in the Colony, built to the order of the Union Waterboat Company, was inspected by a large and representative gathering yesterday afternoon when an inspection and demonstration took place at Little Sai Wan, on the invitation of Messrs. Dodwell and Co., Ltd.

The boat, "Tai Yat," has been constructed by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., and is equipped with Gardner Engine and auxiliaries, supplied by Messrs. Dodwell and Co., and installed by the Dock Company. The vessel, which in design follows the usual practice of waterboats, is capable of carrying 275 tons of fresh water and has a speed of slightly over seven knots. It replaces one of the old steam boats and is the first of the type to be engined with an internal combustion engine.

Much interest was displayed by those present, among whom were the Capt. Supt. of Police, Cmdr. J. B. Newill, Deputy Harbour Master, Mr. Chittenden, Government Marine Surveyor's Office; N. Garland, Government Marine Surveyor; W. S. Bailey, Bailey and Co., Ltd.; C. F. Mendham, Bailey and Co., Ltd.; A. E. Stone and W. A. Butterfield, A.P.C.; J. A. Shaw, Standard Oil Co.; F. W. James, Marine Supt. B. and S.; F. Crapnell, Godown Co.;

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The most interesting part of the demonstration concerned the pumping auxiliaries, which are of a specially adapted type so as to give varying speeds of pumping.

Half the party was conducted by the launches "Choi Chuk" and "Vacuum 2," both Gardner engine launches, which were kindly loaned for the occasion by the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company and the Vacuum Oil Company respectively. The remainder of the party travelled by the "Tea Cheung" and "Diana."

Bathing was later enjoyed, and the company was entertained to tea and refreshments.

A technical description of the engine and auxiliaries will appear in our issue on Saturday.

COMMUNISM IN SCHOOLS.**INTERESTING SINGAPORE REVELATIONS.**

The use to which Hylam schools in Singapore are being put by Communists was shown in a case which came before the District Judge (Mr. J. L. McCall) last week.

Twenty Hylams were produced on a charge of being members of an unlawful society, and Chief Inspector Prithvi Chand said that when Mr. O. Onrat, head of the C.I.D., and witness raided the Phul Yok Hylam School in Kallang Road on July 12 they found a meeting in progress of what was later discovered to be a Communist organisation.

Against the first accused was a further charge of managing an unlawful society, and it was stated that when the C.I.D. party entered he was presiding at the meeting from a rostrum. Minutes, freshly entered, were before him, and a

fountain pen. He threw the documents from him on the appearance of the officers. Incriminating documents were found on two other accused.

Giving evidence regarding these documents, Mr. Gifford, Chinese Secretariat, said they appeared to be the papers of a branch of the South Seas Labour Union. There were instructions on how to carry out propaganda, and there was, among other things, a statement that picket parties would be rewarded with \$30 for dealing with the heads of traitors and leaders of the Kuomintang.

His Honour:—Dealing with the heads?

Witness:—I suppose he means the cutting off their heads.

All the accused said they had gone to the school to meet friends.

In reply to His Honour, Chief Court Inspector Nicol said that no list was found on which the names of the accused appeared as of persons present at a meeting. The accused were arrested there, and if His Honour looked at the documents it would be plain that a meeting was in progress.



"Gee, I'm tired, I'll do well to struggle through the next chorus."

"Goin' to the dance after the show?"

"Sure, wouldn't miss it."

SINGAPORE GUNMEN CAUGHT.**AFTER THRILLING BATTLE WITH POLICE.****ROBBERY PREVENTED.**

Singapore, Aug. 7.

The adventurous side of police work in Singapore was illustrated by the capture during the week-end at Rochore of four gunmen, who desperately resisted the police and, in the case of two of them, attempted to use their pistols.

The men were captured by Mr. C. H. Nicol, officer in charge of Rochore Police division, and Inspector Cowie, in a Victoria Street house.

The men were in a room on the second floor, and when the officers forced the door three of them were lying on a bed. The fourth was seated on a chair. The European officers were accompanied by a party of plain clothes men.

One of the gunmen surrendered, but the other three put up a determined resistance. Two of them were armed, one with a pistol and eight rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber, and the other with a fully-loaded revolver. Both men, drew their weapons, but were finally overpowered.

Another firearm and a dagger were found under a mattress, and the man who was seated on a chair had a dagger. It is believed that the gang were in the room preparatory to setting out on a robbery. They were remanded before the Second Police Magistrate (Mr. W. N. Courlay) on a charge of being in possession of firearms, daggers and ammunition.

THE HARMONY CLUB.**AN ENJOYABLE INAUGURAL GATHERING.**

A very enjoyable function was held in the Harmony Club, China Building, last evening to mark the opening of the Club quarters by Dr. S. W. Tso, L.D., O.B.E. The Harmony Club is a reorganisation of the Chinese Philharmonic Society which was formed last year.

The Club room, tastefully furnished with green and ivory cane furniture and green wall hangings, was crowded from 7.30 p.m. by members and their friends who drank heartily to the success of the Club after a pleasant little discourse by Dr. Tso on the attitude of Chinese towards music and the great importance of cultivating harmony—in other senses than music.

As a memento of the occasion, a model piano ash-tray, silver mounted and suitably inscribed, was presented to Dr. Tso, and the gathering then repaired to the more spacious rooms in the same building, of the Chinese Comrades' Association, kindly lent for the evening, where dinner for over sixty members and their guests was served. Later, the following concert programme was submitted, followed by a dance which was kept up long after midnight:—Pianoforte solo, Mr. Harry Orey; violin solo, Miss Neesa Long; song, Mr. Li Chor Chi; saxophone solo, Miss Mina Long; violin duet, Messrs. S. B. Tan and H. S. Yung; Recitation, Miss Neesa Long; song, Mr. Alfred Lee; pianoforte solo, Prof. E. Gualdi.

Messrs. Harry Hong Sling and Li Chor-chi, the energetic Chairman and Secretary of the Club, with their supporting Committee are to be congratulated on the successful debut of their Club which promises to be the rendezvous of the artistic section of the Chinese community.

SIX MONTHS FOR CLERK.**FRAUDULENT SALE OF SWEET TICKETS.**

Ipoh, Aug. 9.

Gulab Singh, a Sikh clerk who was temporarily engaged for the sale of sweep tickets at the recent Ipoh race meeting, was charged before the magistrate with the fraudulent sale of 42 \$5 tickets which had not been included in the draw.

The tickets were all sold to another Sikh, who accidentally discovered that his tickets were unlike the series drawn and thereupon interviewed the Club officials. The search for the clerk was unsuccessful for several days, but he was eventually arrested in Penang, having shaved his head and beard, changed his name to George Stevens, and tried to secure a job on an outgoing steamer.

Perak Turf Club officials gave evidence in the police court, and the accused was sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment. It transpired during the hearing that he had previously worked as a stationmaster with the F.M.S. Railways.—*Straits Times*.

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SHANGHAI BASEBALL VISITORS.

EASY WIN AGAINST ALL-HONGKONG.

With but a small attendance, the visiting Shanghai Baseball team played their first engagement on the Happy Valley diamond last evening, when they had as their opponents a combined team of local exponents. Although the Northerners won by six runs to two, they did not display any spectacular merit, their batting being particularly weak.

Their understanding, however, was superior to that of the All-Hongkong players, whose team work was poor. The bad fielding of local players allowed the Chinese to score at least five or six runs on errors.

Hongkong batted first and were blanked while the Shanghai team replied with two runs through Tsang and Loo. Matters were equalized in the second innings when Proulx and Zafra scored for the visitors failing to reply. Hongkong suffered three scoreless innings while the Northerners had two. In the fifth, the Chinese team notched three more runs through Tsay, Liu and Kim.

When Hongkong went to bat for the final innings they were six runs to two down and made every effort to overtake their opponents. An exceedingly clever piece of fielding on the part of Tsang, who caught an almost impossible catch, which dismissed Leonard when that player could have brought at least two men home if the flight of the ball had not been intercepted, put a different aspect on the game.

Without batting in the seventh innings, the Shanghai team won by six runs to two. To-morrow they meet the U.S. Navy.

The line-up of the two teams was as follows:

| Hongkong | Shanghai Chinese |
|---|------------------|
| Kusano c.f. | Woo |
| Hachima c. | Liu |
| Shing 2 b. | Chang |
| T. Leonard 1 b. | Chen |
| Proulx 3 b. | Tsay |
| Zafra p. | Kim |
| Murata s.s. | Loo |
| Muccio 1 f. | Li |
| Owen Hughes c.f. | Tsang |
| Substitutes:—T. Chin, Benson and L. Leonard (Hongkong). | |

Scores by innings:
Hongkong 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Total
Shanghai Chinese 2 0 0 0 1 1 6

LAWN TENNIS.

TWO MATCHES PLAYED YESTERDAY.

On the Kowloon C. C. ground yesterday evening the home team were badly beaten by the University in the Second Division of the Hongkong Tennis League. The Peninsula team thus remained at the bottom of the League with eight defeats.

The scores were:
C. J. Tucci and A. J. Kew (Kowloon C.C.) lost to G. de Souza and J. Barrow 2-6; lost to L. Oppenheim and T. K. Tan 5-6; lost to T. L. Lu and G. E. Yeoh 2-6.
W. Brown and J. S. Smith (Kowloon C.C.) lost to Souza and Barrow 3-6; lost to Oppenheim and Tan 6-8; lost to Lu and Yeoh 4-7.
W. Jack and J. Hurst (Kowloon C.C.) lost to Souza and Barrow 4-7; lost to Oppenheim and Tan 6-6; lost to Lu and Yeoh 3-8.
Total: Kowloon C. C. 34. University 66.

South China v Chinese.

A dual between the two Chinese clubs in the League took place on the South China courts at King's Park where the home team entertained the Chinese R. C. "A" in the Third Division. The visitors trounced their compatriots to the tune of 69 games to 30.

The scores were:
Ng Sou-kwan and Ma Chiu-chong (South China) lost to Cheng Chi-ying and Chau Wah-po 4-7; lost to Lau Man-kwong and Chiu Tsun-chiu 4-7; lost to Lo Man-hin and Ip Kau 3-8.

Tao Chung-yan and Tsang Chun-mim (South China) lost to Cheng and Chau 3-8; lost to Lau and Chiu 3-8; lost to Lo and Ip 4-7.

Chan Chun-sang and Ko Cho-wing (South China) lost to Cheng and Chau 2-9; lost to Lau and Chiu 3-8; lost to Lo and Ip 4-7.

Total: South China 30. Chinese R. C. "A" 69.

WATER POLO.

WELL-CONTESTED MATCH AT THE V.R.C. BATH.

In a well-contested water polo match in the V.R.C. bath yesterday evening, the Club's "B" team defeated a combination from the Queen's Regiment, by three goals to two.

The first goal was scored by Victor of the Club within a few minutes of playing. The next goal was netted by the Queen's, within half-a-minute of the interval. Gifford scored two more goals for the Club, before the finish. The Queen's added another goal but failed to make matters even, and eventually were defeated by the odd goal as stated.

TO-DAY'S FILMS.

A MYSTERY THRILLER AT THE QUEEN'S.

Adapted from the famous novel and stage play of the same name, "13 Washington Square" has been transferred to the screen and will be the main feature of the programme at the Queen's Theatre from to-day to Saturday. "13 Washington Square" is a first class mystery story liberally sprinkled with thrills and laughs. The more serious part of the picture is enacted with great finesse by Jean Hersholt, the famous character actor. The laughs are in the capable hands of Zasu Pitts, who will be remembered for the extremely funny facial expressions she wears when in a fright. Alice Joyce, of "Beau Geste" fame, has an important part to play, and George Lewis looks after the love interest with the able help of Helen Foster, who is a charming new comer to the screen. "13 Washington Square" is spoken of as being one of the most interesting pictures of the season, and is of a type that should appeal to every type of cinema-goer.

Comedy at World.

Directed by Fred Newmayer, the man responsible for many of Harold Lloyd's earlier successes, "The Pottery," a new comedy comes to the World Theatre, to-day, to remain the chief attraction there until Saturday. Opening in a typical American home, the story concerns the doings of "Pa" Potter, a pompously ineffectual man, but a good father and husband. As time goes by "Pa" is discovered to be only a hard working stenographer and not an affluent business man as he would have the world believe. Determined to step out of the rut and surprise the family, "Pa" plunges all his savings into oil stock. How he sinks deeper and deeper, only to stagger out and finally vindicate himself provides an amusing story with a surprise climax. W. C. Fields is the leading player and he is supported by Mary Alden, Ivy Harris, Jack Egan and many others.

Strange Drama at Star.

"God Gave Me Twenty Cents," a new picture directed by Herbert Brenon, famous for his work with "Beau Geste" and "Peter Pan," comes to the Star Theatre to-day for a run of three days. The story concerns the lives of three people—a man and two women—who, although wise in the ways of the world, are thrown into a vortex

COMING SOON.



Miss Tomaska Birdwell, the clever young dancer, who is to appear with her equally attractive partner, Miss Cherie Valentine, in a special return season at the Queen's Theatre, starting on Sunday. These two talented artists will present a series of modern and eccentric dances as an additional attraction at the 9.20 movie performances.

After having raised money during the past twelve months by whitewashing backyards, holding concerts, rummage sales and gymnastic displays, a party of Liverpool Boy Scouts and Wolf Clubs have set out for a week's holiday in Paris. Over £12 was earned by sixteen boys by whitewashing, and altogether about £70 was collected.

created by life, and are only saved by the faith and trust of one of the women. Two crooked coins play a great part in the lives of the characters in the picture, and pass through the hands of each, first, a woman who loves and loses a man because of them, then the man himself, and finally his wife, who, believing she has lost her husband's love, prays to God for guidance and receives the same coins. This unusual picture has a strong cast which includes Lola Moran, Jack Mulhall, Lya de Putti and William Collier Jr. Some of the settings are extremely beautiful, representing New Orleans during the Mardi Gras.

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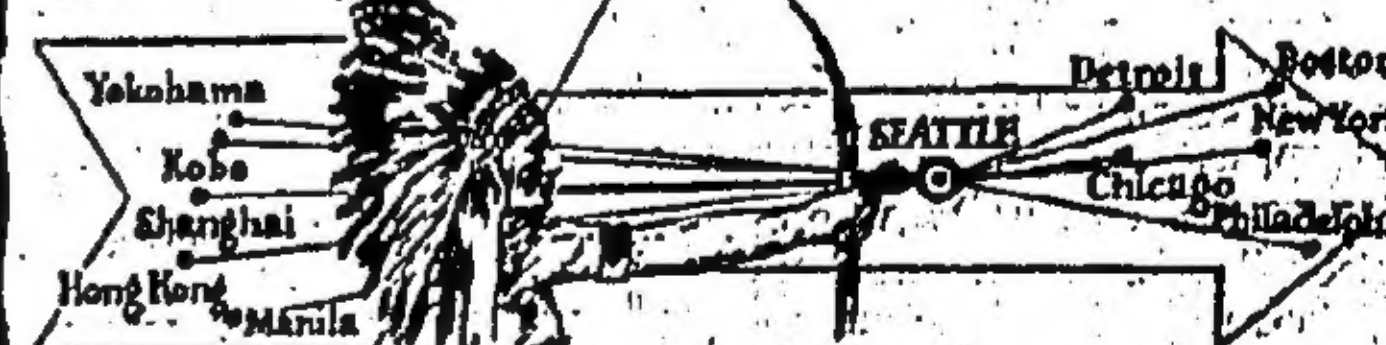
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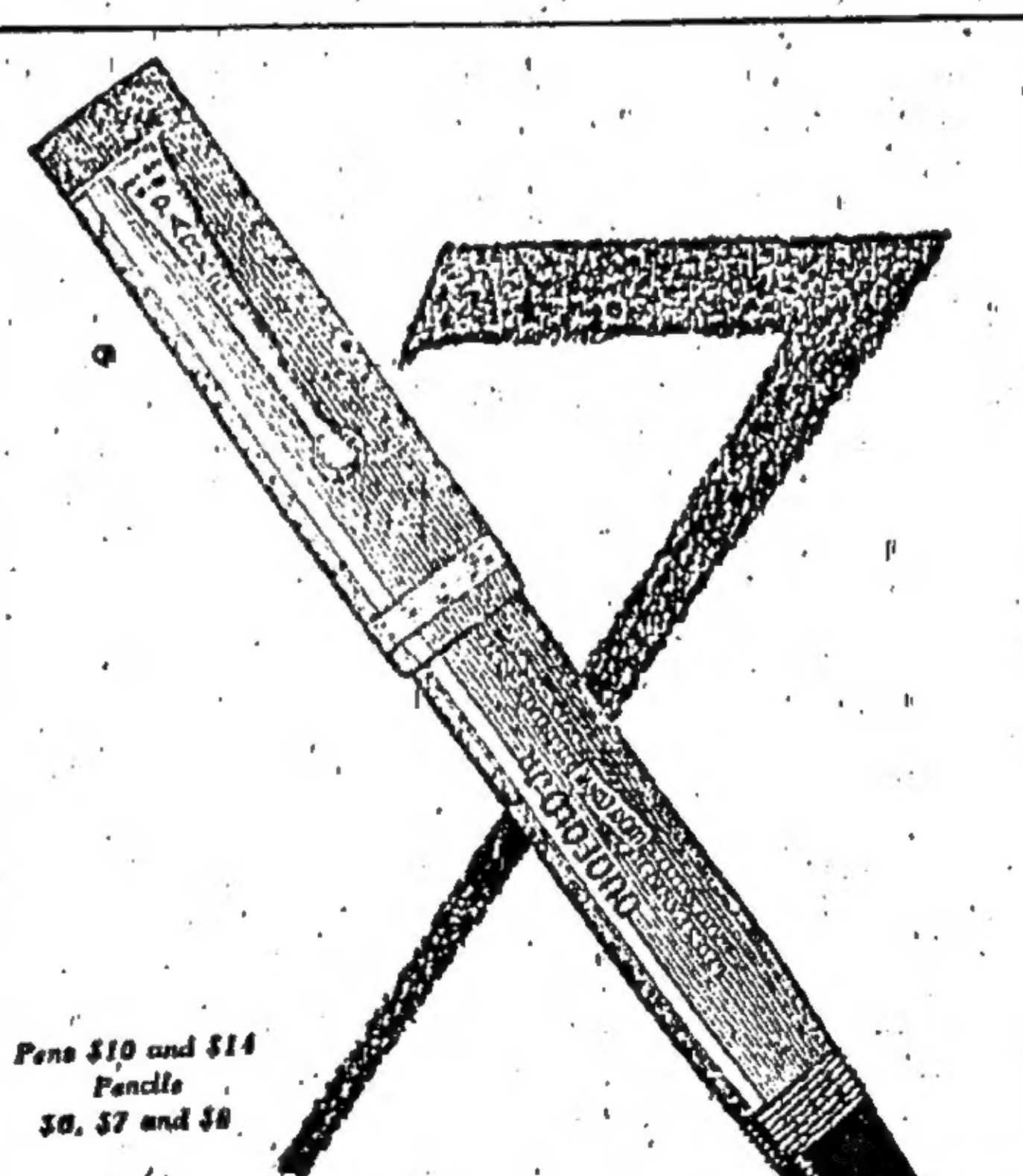
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CHARACTERS

PHILO VANCE
JOHN F. X. MARKHAM, District Attorney of New York County.
MARGARET ODELL (THE "CANARY")
CHARLES CLEAVER, a man-about-town.
KENNETH SPOTSWOOD, a manufacturer.
LOUIS MANNIX, an importer.
DR. AMBROISE LINQUIST, a fashionable neurologist.
TONY SKEEL, a professional burglar.
WILLIAM ELMER JESSUP, telephone operator.
HARRY SPIVELY, telephone operator.
ERNEST HEATH, Sergeant of the Homeless Bureau.

THE STORY THUS FAR

Vance's theory is that two unknown persons were in Margaret Odell's apartment that fatal evening, one hiding in a clothes closet, the other the man who strangled her. In no way can the police account for the presence of anyone in the apartment. The door to the alley was bolted on the inside, and the man who had gone out with the "Canary" the night before had been the only one to be seen with her, and circumstances completely eliminated him. There is another man who called while she was out, but one of the phone operators testifies that he had been unable to get in the apartment.

CHAPTER XIII

An ugly light came into Heath's eyes. "We've got ways," he said through his teeth, "of getting damn interesting conversation outa people who haven't no great reputation for repartee."

Vance sighed. "How the Four Hundred needs you, my Sergeant!"

Markham looked at his watch. "I've got pressing work at the office," he said, "and all this talk isn't getting us anywhere." He put his hand on Heath's shoulder. "I leave you to go ahead. This afternoon I'll have these people brought down to my office for another questioning—maybe I can jog their memories a bit. You've got some line of investigation planned?"

"The usual routine," replied Heath drily. "I'll go through Odell's papers, and I'll have three or four of my men check up on her."

"You'd better get after the Yellow Taxi company right away," Markham suggested. "Find out, if you can, who the man was who left here at half past eleven last night, and where he went."

"Do you imagine for one moment," asked Vance, "that if this man knew anything about the murder, he would have stayed in the hall and asked the operator to call a taxi for him?"

"Oh, I don't look for much in that direction," Markham's tone was almost flat. "But the girl may have said something to him that'll give us a lead."

Vance shook his head facetiously. "O welcome pure-eyed Faith, white-handed Hope, thou hovering angel, girl with gold wings!"

Markham grunted scornfully, and sank back on the cushions. "Your generosity wrings me," he said.

On our way down-town we were delayed for a considerable time in the traffic congestion just north of Madison Square, and Markham anxiously looked at his watch.

"It's past noon," he said. "I think I'll stop at the club and have a bite of lunch. . . . I presume that eating at this early hour would be too pious for so exquisite a housewife as you."

Vance considered the invitation. "Since you deprived me of my breakfast," he decided, "I'll permit you to buy me some eggs Benedict."

A few minutes later we entered the almost empty grill of the Stuyvesant Club, and took a table near one of the windows looking southward over the tree-tops of Madison Square.

Shortly after we had given our order a uniformed attendant entered and, bowing deferentially at the district attorney's elbow, held out an unaddressed communication sealed in one of the club's envelopes. Markham read it with an expression of growing curiosity, and as he studied the signature a look of mild surprise came into his eyes. At length he looked up and nodded to the waiting attendant. Then, excusing himself, he left us abruptly. It was fully twenty minutes before he returned.

"Funny thing," he said. "That note was from the man who took the Odell woman to dinner and the theatre last night. . . . A small world," he mused. "He's staying here at the club—he's a non-resident member and makes it his headquarters when he's in town."

"You know him?" Vance put the question disinterestedly.

"I've met him several times—chap named Spotswood," Markham seemed perplexed. "He's a man of family, lives in a country house on Long Island, and is regarded generally as a highly respectable member of society—one of the last persons I'd suspect of being mixed up with the Odell girl. But, according to his own confession, he played around a good deal with her during his visits to New York—sowing a few belated wild oats," as he expressed it—and last night took her to Francelle's for dinner and to the Winter Garden afterwards."

Markham nodded abstractedly. "As I remember," mused Vance, "in the hypothetical case you presented there were not only footprints but a dozen or more witnesses—including a youthful prodigy—who saw a figure of some kind cross the hitherland landscape. . . . Here you are in a most delectable position because of the disheartening fact that there are neither footprints in the snow nor witnesses who saw a fleeing figure. In short, you are bereft of both direct and circumstantial evidence. . . . Said, said."

He wagged his head dolefully. "You know, Markham, it appears to me that the testimony in this case constitutes conclusive legal proof that no one could have been with the deceased at the hour of her passing, and that, ergo, she is presumably alive. The strangled body of the lady is, I take it, simply an irrelevant circumstance from the standpoint of legal procedure. I know that you learned lawyers won't admit a murder without a body; but how, in sweet Heaven's name, do you get around a *corpus delicti* without a murder?"

"You're talking nonsense," Markham rebuked him, with a show of anger.

"Oh, quite," agreed Vance. "And yet, it's a distressing thing for a lawyer not to have footprints of some kind, isn't it, old dear? It leaves one so up in the air."

Suddenly Markham swung round. "You, of course, don't need footprints, or any other kind of material clue," he flung at Vance tauntingly. "You have power of divination such as are denied ordinary mortals. If I remember correctly, you informed me, somewhat grandiloquently, that, knowing the nature and conditions of a crime, you could lead me infallibly to the culprit, whether he left footprints or not. You recall that boast?"

Well, here's a crime, and the perpetrator left no footprints coming or going. Be so good as to end my suspense by confiding in me who killed the Odell girl."

"Vance's serenity was not ruffled by Markham's ill-humoured challenge. He sat smoking lazily for several minutes; then he leaned over and flicked his cigarette ash out of the window."

"Pon my word, Markham," he joined evenly, "I'm half inclined to look into this silly murder. I think I'll wait, though, and see whom the nonplussed Heath turns up with his inquiries."

mented Vance. "And he selected a deuced unlucky day for it. . . . I say, imagine opening the morning paper and learning that your *poitite dame* of the preceding evening had been strangled! Disconcerting, what?"

"He's certainly disconcerted," said Markham. "The early afternoon papers were out about an hour ago, and he'd been phoning my office every ten minutes, when I suddenly walked in here. He's afraid his connexion with the girl will leak out and disgrace him."

"And won't it?"

"I hardly see the necessity. No one knows who her escort was last evening; and, since he obviously had nothing to do with the crime, what's to be gained by dragging him into it? He told me the whole story, and offered to stay in the city as long as I wanted him to."

"I infer, from the cloud of disrepute padopaus you quaquajoddu when you returned just now that his story held nothing hopeful for you in the way of clues."

"No," Markham admitted. "The girl apparently never spoke to him of her intimate affairs; and he couldn't give me a single helpful suggestion. His account of what happened last night agreed perfectly with Jessup's. He called for the girl at seven, brought her home at about eleven, stayed with her half an hour or so, and then left her."

"When he heard her call for help he was frightened, but on being assured by her there was nothing wrong, he concluded she had dozed off into a nightmare, and thought no more about it."

"He drove direct to the club here, arriving about ten minutes to twelve. Judge Redfern, who saw him descend from the taxi, insisted on his coming up-stairs and playing poker with some men who were waiting in the judge's rooms for him. They played until three o'clock this morning."

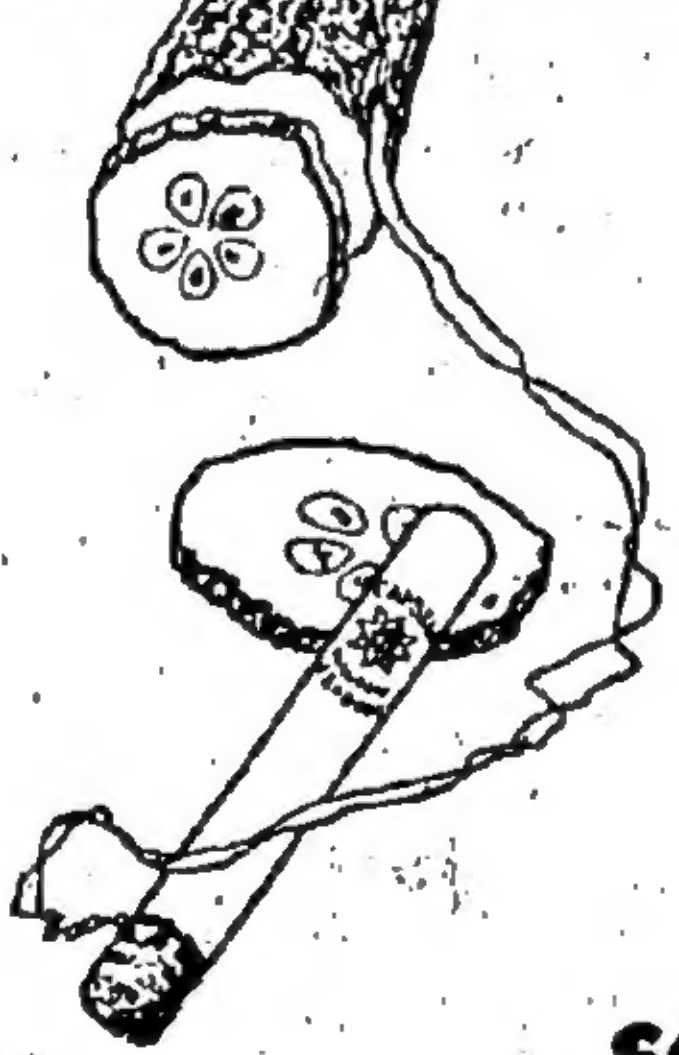
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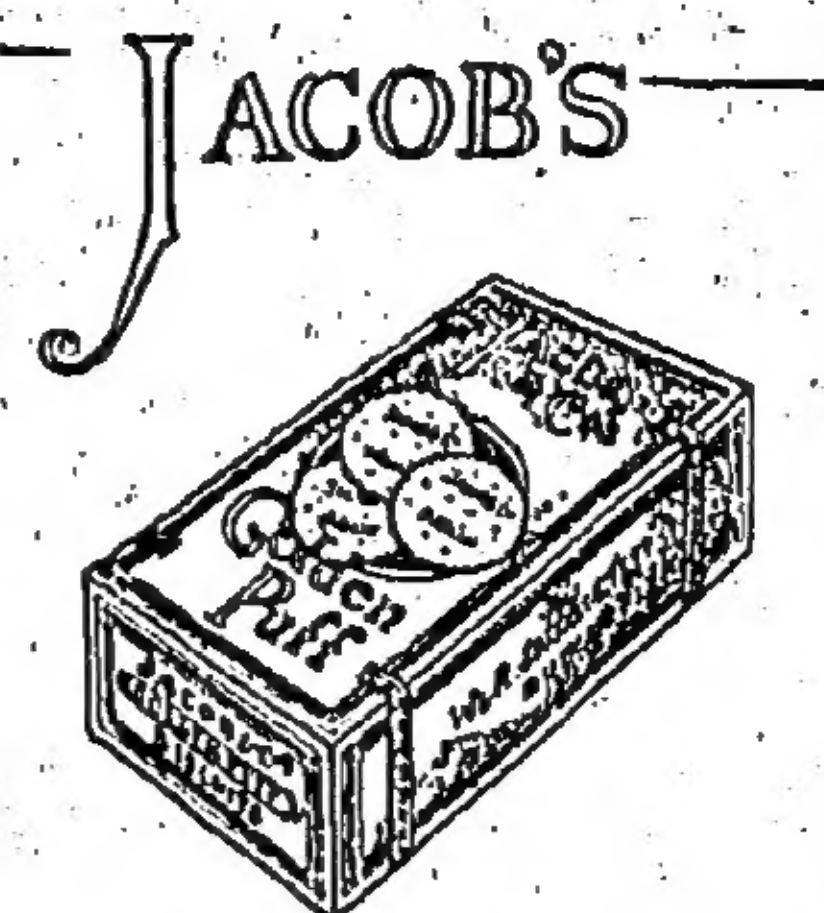
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The Trans-Saharan Railway has become a question of the day. This gigantic undertaking, of which the realisation must have seemed long since almost fabulous, has just been submitted by a vote of the Senate to be studied by a Special Commission empowered to spend nearly £100,000 on practical investigations.

First proposed as long ago as 1859 by Major Hanoteau, when it was dismissed as a fantastic dream, the idea appealed, in 1879, to de Freycinet, who appointed a Committee of Inquiry, but the disaster that overtook the Flatters Expedition, which was annihilated by Touaregs, discouraged public interest, and the scheme languished for 20 years more.

From 1904, however, to 1923 as many as eight different studies were made by competent men, who had prospected various routes. In 1923 the success of the Haardt-Citron motor expedition, that crossed the Sahara on caterpillar wheels in fifteen days, and the Central African six-wheeled expeditions of Renault and Citroën in the following year gave a decided fillip to the subject.

National Defence.

The reason why the Trans-Saharan Railway has become a problem of the moment, and will end by superseding almost all others is one of national defence. The year 1935 will be the date for France first to feel the shortage of manpower caused by the decline of births from 1915 to 1919, when her men were at the front and separated from their wives. She can only make up the shortage by drawing on her Colonial possessions.

In 1914 there were six French black regiments. Now the coloured troops amount to 60,000. By 1935 there can be half-a-million.

With the Trans-Saharan working, the Niger will be at a distance of five days from Paris—an enormous saving of time—and the sea passage for French Colonial troops will be reduced to 30 hours from Oran to Port Vendres, and within the means of the French Navy to defend.

The ideal system for the Trans-Saharan, thinks General Augier, one of the chief authorities on the subject, would be in the form of a Lorraine cross: a vertical line from Oran to Waghdugu, with two transverse lines, from Casablanca to Bizerta, and from Dakar to Lake Chad. In any case, it is likely that whatever line is adopted, there will be an extension to Lake Chad, and thence ultimately a branch running south through French Equatorial Africa to a point on the Congo Coast, possibly Louango.

Value to Commerce.
Military considerations, however, are not the only ones, important as they are. It is, for instance, pointed out that had the Trans-Saharan existed at the time, the Riff War would probably have fizzled out very quickly. But commerce enters largely into the question, too: The valley of the Niger is rich in cotton, livestock, and other natural values.

It is calculated that from 100 to 200,000 tons of cotton could be obtained yearly within a short time if transport were available, besides large supplies of meat and wool, all from within French Possessions, and that France's commercial balance would profit to the tune of, perhaps £30,000,000 a year from these sources.

It appears to be established that the difficulties of building a railway across the desert with the aid of motor transport for construction parties are by no means insuperable, and that the danger from shifting sand, once the bogey called in to oppose the scheme, is largely nonexistent.

The Trans-Saharan, it is said, will be to France what the Suez Canal is to the British Empire; it will link Calais with the Congo and give the French Empire an effective mobile population of 70 millions. The total cost of the main line is roughly estimated at £15,000,000.

DISCOVERIES UNDER ROME.

TEMPLES UNEARTHED BY ACCIDENT.

Rome, July 20.
Unknown to the general public of Rome, the excavation of a site in one of the busiest parts of the city has been in progress for some time, and many archaeological treasures have been discovered.

The site covers an area about half the size of Trafalgar-square, London, and is situated in front of the Argentine Theatre. Such a rich area was totally unexpected. It was come upon during demolition operations to widen the street.

Already three temples have been discovered, all of the Republican period. One is circular in shape and is believed to be the Temple of Hercules. Another is rectangular and seems to be "Lares Permarini," and the third is not yet identified.

First Impressions.

It will be remembered that a year ago the discovery was reported in the *Morning Post* of a mystery temple site on an area where nothing was known to have stood according to all theories of the topography of ancient Rome, but that as the remains were slight it would not be preserved.

The present site was the one to which this reference was made. The area will be isolated, to have a monumental effect like the newly completed Forum of Trajan.

There is still much work to be done, not only in the way of search for more buildings and clearing the area but in identifying the precise origin and use of the discoveries. When the work is completed and the present hoardings are removed, the discoveries will form one of the major sights of Rome.

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At the advanced age of 77 years there died yesterday at the Government Civil Hospital an old Hongkong resident in the person of Mr. Johann Alexander Straube, who had lived in the Colony for 40 years.

For some years Mr. Straube was a warder at the Victoria Gaol, and for some time past had held the position of Government Custodian of Recreation Grounds.

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WIFE WAS NOT ENTICED.

JURY STOP CASE BY HUSBAND.

STORY OF THREATS.

The "entitled wife" case ended abruptly in the King's Bench Division recently.

After hearing evidence by Mrs. Capel-Smith, the wife who was alleged to have been enticed, the foreman of the jury said they were satisfied that there was no evidence to support the allegation of enticement.

Judgment, with costs, was entered for the defendant Major Bernard A.S. Dyer, of The Moorings, Frimham, Surrey.

At the conclusion of the case, Mr. Malcolm Hilbery, K.C. (who appeared with Mr. Birkett for Major Dyer), said—

"Mrs. Capel-Smith wonders, my lord, whether you would be good enough to give one word of warning about interference with her. She really goes in for it."

"Take Care."

Mr. Justice Swift: There is no need to warn anybody about that. If anything is said or anything is done to cause the slightest fear to Mrs. Capel-Smith by anybody, that person will at once be brought before me and sent to prison until he or she has purged his or her contempt. Let everybody take care.

Major Dyer had been sued for damages by Major Ritchie Laugstaffe Capel-Smith, of Rosary-gardens, Kensington.

Major Capel-Smith had previously brought divorce proceedings, but these were not continued as he said he wanted his wife to go back to him.

When Mrs. Capel-Smith went in to the witness-box she was asked by Mr. Hilbery, "Has Major Dyer ever done anything which you realised as persuading or enticing you away from your husband?"

"In no way whatever," was the reply.

Met at 18.

Mrs. Capel-Smith said she met her husband in 1917, when she was 18, and had only left school a short time previously.

Mr. Hilbery: For how long did you see him before he proposed?—About a fortnight or three weeks.

Mrs. Capel-Smith said that Major Capel-Smith returned from Mesopotamia in May 1920, and as he was anxious for a speedy marriage the wedding took place within about a fortnight. Her father did not attend.

Throughout your married life from that time onwards was your husband a normal ordinary man?—He had a temper so violent that he used to weep with rage and get absolutely out of control.

At any time were you happy with him?—No, I was never happy with him after the first week of our marriage.

Did he treat you kindly?—No, he treated me very cruelly. I was absolutely in terror of my life at times.

It was suggested at the opening of the case that he has now become nervously deranged by reason of his worry and grief.—He has always been like that since I was married.

Shock on Honeymoon.

On your honeymoon was he strange to you?—During the first week he told me about various women he had lived with and of things that had happened then. I was an extremely innocent girl. My father had always made a point of reading all the books that I read, and what my husband told me was a dreadful shock.

Until Major Dyer took her, Mrs. Capel-Smith said, she had never been to a dance in her life, although she loved dancing.

Mr. Hilbery: Did you ever sit in the garage in a car with Major Dyer with the lights switched off?—Never. That "garage incident" never happened.

She denied that she was ever in the bathroom with Major Dyer or that she once sat on his knee in the dining-room.

Mr. Hilbery: Can you possibly bring yourself to go back to your husband?—No, it is quite true that I would rather be dead.

How do you account for the expressions of love in his letters?—I think, honestly and truly, that he was mad.

Mrs. Capel-Smith said that her husband sent her a cable from India saying that if he did not receive more affectionate letters from her he would return home. She then sat down and wrote a number of affectionate letters. "I used, as many affectionate terms as I could find in his letters," she declared.

On behalf of Major Capel-Smith a demand was made for the production in court of a letter written by him to his wife.

Judge's Surprise.

Mr. Hilbery said the original was not in Mrs. Capel-Smith's possession. The copy in court was drawn up from a copy made by Major Capel-Smith in India before he sent the letter.

"I have never heard of anything so extraordinary in my life as a man copying his own love letter," observed Mr. Justice Swift. "Do you mean to say," the judge added, "that he kept a copy of this letter beginning, 'My dearest darling,' and going on for two pages, saying, 'Baby, I am so unhappy about you, and I love you more than my life?'"

Mr. Hilbery: Yes. In all cases he kept copies of his letters, and in some cases drafts in addition.

Referring to a letter in which Major Capel-Smith ended with the words, "most, most, precious," the judge said, "There is a page and a half more of it. Can you imagine a man writing that and then sitting down and copying it?"

Jurymen: We can't, my lord, unless it was a carbon copy.

Mr. Singleton (for Major Capel-Smith): I don't think carbon was used.

Mrs. Capel-Smith said that she regarded Major Dyer as a great friend.

Mr. Singleton: Are you anxious to marry Major Dyer?—No. Have you ever kissed him?—No. Has he ever kissed you?—Never. We were very good friends, that is all.

Judge and Jury.

At the close of the cross-examination of Mrs. Capel-Smith, Mr. Justice Swift turned to the jury and said: "The plaintiff has got to satisfy you that the defendant enticed his wife away, that she did not go of her own accord, that he enticed her."

The jury consulted for a moment and the foreman then said: "I am

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afraid we will have to go on with the case.

Mr. Hilbery, re-examining Mrs. Capel-Smith referred to the occasion on which Major Capel-Smith and his friends went to Mrs. Capel-Smith's home and removed certain goods.

"That was a gross outrage," said Mr. Justice Swift. "They may think themselves lucky that they were not locked up for burglary."

At this point the foreman of the jury said they had reached an agreement on the point mentioned by the judge, and were satisfied that there was no evidence of the wife being enticed away.

Mr. Justice Swift: I entirely agree with you. An action like this has never been brought since 1867, when an Act of Parliament was passed setting up the Divorce Court.

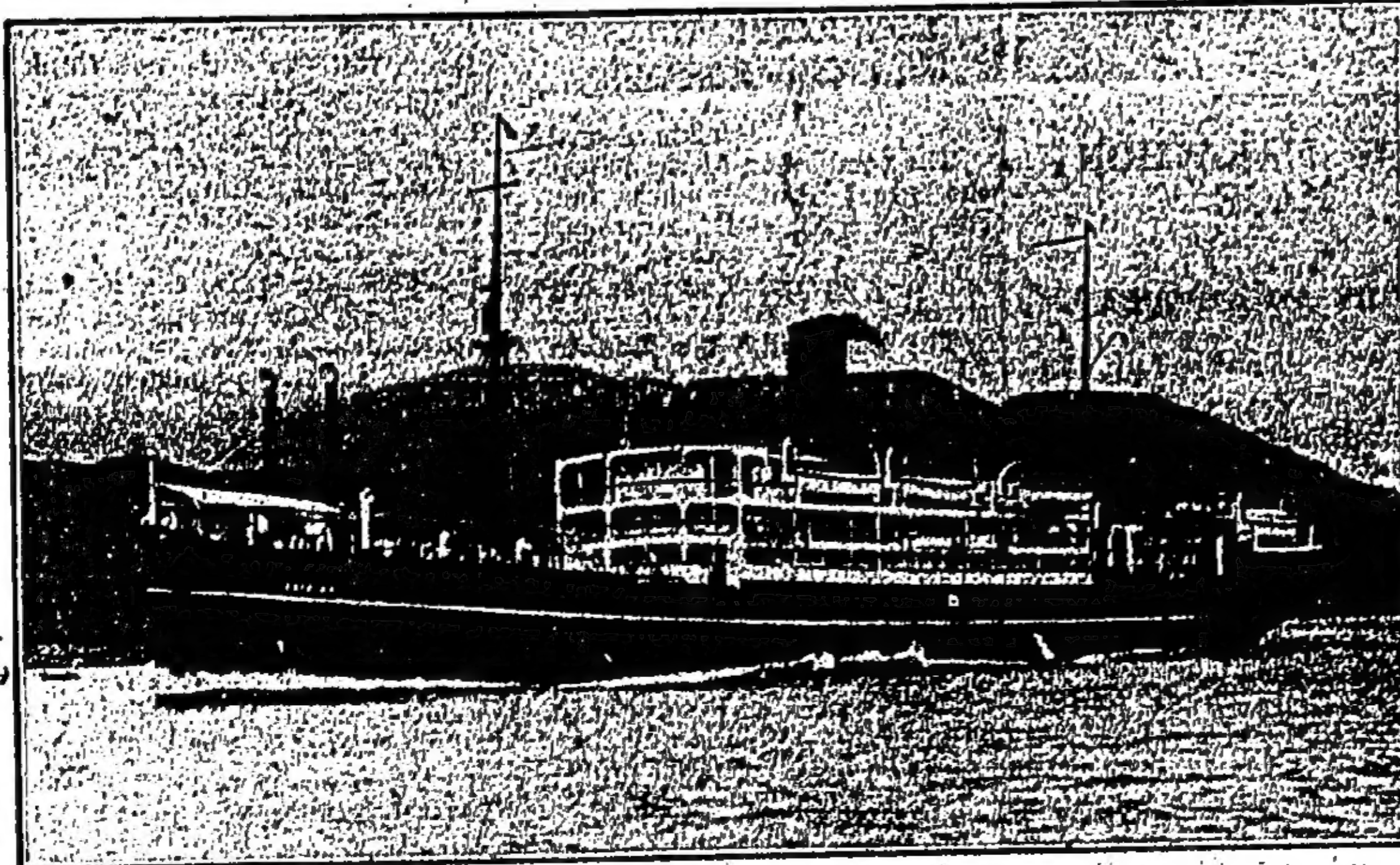
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belonging to a circus at Chateller-
ault, France, escaped during the
night from a wicker trunk. It
was traced to the premises of the
co-operative society, and then
lost. Inhabitants of the town
were afraid to go out.
Weighing 70lb, a badger was
recently trapped at Whitehall
Farm, Egham, where 80 fowls had
been killed in two months.

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MIMIC AIR RAIDS ON LONDON.

"ENEMY" SUFFER HEAVY LOSS BUT REACH OBJECTIVE.

VALUABLE LESSONS.

London, Aug. 15.
The Air Ministry announce that the nerve centre of London's air defence was theoretically "wrecked" by the air-raiders though the "enemy" did not escape unscathed. The "Eastland" bombers attacked a building on four occasions within the last 36 hours and at least one "bomb" crashed through the roof before the invaders were repelled.
The great air attack on the metropolis continued last night when hundreds of tons of "bombs" were dropped. The attackers in many cases reached their objectives, which were Hackney, the Duke of York's headquarters, Chelsea, Croydon and Wormwood Scrubs, but it is officially stated that there was less fighting over Central London as the defenders intercepted the raiders earlier than on the previous night, while many raiders met with casualties on their return journey.
The Air Ministry umpires, while agreeing on the success of the "enemy" raids, report that the raiders retired with heavy losses, no fewer than 28 machines of the 70 engaged being shot down in the evening, fifteen out of twenty-nine were destroyed during the night attack, and twenty-two enemy bombers were brought down in the early morning of Tuesday.
Fifteen fighting planes, defending London, were also destroyed.—*Reuter.*

PRESENTATION TO CAPT. ENOCHS.

COMMANDER OF U.S. NAVAL PATROL.

Shameen, Aug. 15.
There was a small gathering in the Canton Club this morning to bid farewell to Captain Enoch, Commander of the South China Patrol of the United States Navy.
Captain Enoch has been a most popular figure in Canton for the past two years; he came out to Canton in 1926, hoisting his flag on the U.S.S. Helena in succession to Captain Moses. Later, when the Helena went on to the Yangtze patrol, Captain Enoch transferred his flag to the U.S.S. Asheville. A beautiful silver salver, suitably engraved, was presented to the Captain by the members of the Club.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

EARLY MORNING ACCIDENT.

MOTOR CAR TOPPLES OVER EMBANKMENT.

The American Consul-General, Mr. R. C. Trudwell, reported by telephone to the police, at 2.45 this morning, that at a quarter of an hour previously, while returning to town from Shek-O, he saw, from the top of Shaukiwan Hill, a public car which had gone over the embankment on the main road.
In this connexion, a report was later received from Cheung Sai, driver of public-car No. 433, to the effect that while proceeding along the Stanley Road, at a point above Chaiwan Road, his car skidded over some loose sand that had been freshly sprinkled on the roadway. It then went over the embankment, and was seriously damaged. Fortunately neither he nor his two passengers were injured.

IRISH MARATHON RACE.

WON BY AN AMERICAN.

Dublin, Aug. 15.
In the Tall Tonn Games, the Marathon race was won by Jole Ray (America), Stoyler (South Africa) being second and Adams (Scotland) third.

The time was 2 hours, 31 min., 25.2/5th secs. This is a world's record, but it is stated that the course was considerably short of the standard distance of 26 miles, 385 yards.—*Reuter.*

While backing into Main Street from a side lane, public car No. 1066 ran over a three-year-old boy, at Shaukiwan yesterday. The child was taken to hospital in the car, but died on the way.

The master of the Yue Shing Tailoring Shop, 12, Wellington Street, has reported that a fork is missing, with \$67.50 which he is said to have collected from a number of customers.

DRAMATIC NEWS OF REPRIEVE.

BRIGHTON MURDERERS NOT TO HANG.

SAVAGE ATTACK ON AGED DRUGGIST.

THREE MEN INVOLVED.

London, Aug. 15.
Only fourteen hours before three men, convicted of the murder of an elderly druggist named Friend Ernest Smith of Norfolk Road Brighton, were due to be executed they were reprieved and their sentences commuted to penal servitude for life.
The dramatic announcement created a greater public effect in view of an official intimation a few hours earlier that the Home Secretary had declined to interfere with the hanging sentences. The subsequent reprieve followed a visit of Sir William Joynson-Hicks to Buckingham Palace where he attended a meeting of the Privy Council and had an audience with His Majesty.

The Joyful News.

One of the accused was bidding farewell to his relatives at Pentonville Prison. The relatives were on the point of departure when the governor appeared bearing the joyously received news.

In the crime for which the accused were convicted they were found guilty of attacking Mr. Smith so savagely that, when he managed to stagger home his wife did not recognize him, and shut the door in his face. The agitation against the conviction was based on the contention that at least two of the accused were not present at the time of the attack.—*Reuter.*

The Trial.

Mr. Smith died on May 18th from injuries received on April 14th. He was attacked on the Brighton front, taken to the downs in a motor-car, and robbed.

Mr. Justice Avey, summing up during the trial said it was always open to a jury to return a verdict of manslaughter if there was evidence to justify such a verdict, but it could not be justified merely because the jury wished to avoid the responsibility of returning a verdict of murder.

If the jury could possibly find that the blows were inflicted with something soft and not in the nature of a weapon, and if they could conscientiously come to the conclusion that those who inflicted the injuries did not intend grievous bodily harm it would be possible to justify a verdict of manslaughter.

"In saying this," said Mr. Justice Avey, "I know I am stretching the law in favour of the accused men."

The jury were absent for 40 minutes before returning a verdict of Murder against all three prisoners.

Prisoners Nearly Collapse.

Weaver and Donovan almost collapsed, Weaver crossed himself and exclaimed, "Oh, my God!" while Donovan buried his face in his arms. Taylor received the verdict without flinching.
The judge directed that Taylor should be executed at Pentonville and Weaver and Donovan at Wandsworth.

SINGAPORE FLOATING DOCK.

CONGRATULATIONS ON CANAL PASSAGE.

London, Aug. 15.
The completion of the passage of the great floating dock for the Singapore Naval Base through the Suez Canal is the subject of a message of congratulation from the Admiralty.

The Admiralty has thanked the Directors of the Suez Canal for the pains taken so effectually to ensure the successful carrying through of the exceptional and difficult operation.

A similar message of appreciation has been conveyed to Messrs. Swan, Hunter, Wigham and Richardson, the Admiralty considering that the manner in which the dock was conveyed through the Canal reflects great credit on all those concerned in making the arrangements and carrying them out.—*British Wire- less.*

FINE WEATHER.

To-day's Observatory report states:—Pressure is high to the north of Japan and low over China. The typhoon remains stationary to the S.E. of Oshima. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—S.W. winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

NANKING'S LEAGUE DELEGATES.

MR. CHUAN CHAO DISMISSED FROM SECRETARYSHIP.

IMPORTANT CHANGES.

Nanking, Aug. 16.
It is officially announced that Mr. Tscheng Loh, the Chinese delegate to the League of Nations having resigned, Mr. Wong King-kee, a member of the Chinese delegation to the Ninth Session of the League has been appointed to succeed him.
Mr. Chuan Chao, the Secretary-General of the Chinese delegation has been dismissed, and Mr. Samuel Young, the Chinese Consul-General in New York, has been appointed acting Secretary-General. He leaves New York for Geneva on August 18th.—*Reuter.*

Yen Will Return to Peking.

Peking, Aug. 15.
Telegraphing to Ho Cheng-chun from Taiyuanfu, Yen Hsi-shan states that he has been advised by medical experts that he may expect to have recovered in three weeks. He announces his intention to return to Peking, as soon as he is well in order to resume his duties.—*Reuter.*

Withdrawing from Chihli.

Peking, Aug. 15.
As hostilities against the Chihli-Shantung remnants have ceased Pei Chung-hsi is contemplating the withdrawing of part of his forces from Chihli to Hankow.

Rolling stock is waiting here and it is understood that four divisions are likely to leave at any time.—*Reuter.*

Japan and Manchuria.

Tokyo, Aug. 15.
Speaking at a Cabinet meeting the Premier formally announced his decision to give up his contemplated plan of issuing a statement on his China policy as, owing to the postponement of the Mukden-Nanking compromise peace in Manchuria, was ensured for the time being, wherefore he considered the statement no longer necessary.—*Reuter.*

Japan Still adamant.

Tokyo, Aug. 15.
Though the government had not yet received Nanking's second note the Japanese authorities reiterate their refusal to listen any Chinese proposal for Treaty revision until the Nationalists acknowledge the validity of the existing Chinese-Japanese.—*Reuter.*

Japanese Troop Withdrawals.

Tokyo, Aug. 15.
The Cabinet has decided to request Imperial sanction for the withdrawal of the sixth division from Shantung, meantime leaving the third division, about 10,000 men, to guard Tsinan, Tsingtao and also the railway till the ultimate completion of the evacuation.—*Reuter.*

STOLEN JEWELLERY.

DOUBTFUL CHARGE OF LARCENY.

A large quantity of jewellery, valued at \$225.00, formed the subject of a charge of larceny brought against a Chinese woman before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning. The defendant was further charged with receiving part of the stolen property.

Mr. F. X. d'Almeida appeared for the defence and applied for a remand. He also applied for bail. Inspector Ogg informed his Worship that he did not think the charge of larceny could be substantiated as there was no evidence of actual theft. The defendant and the complainant formerly occupied cubicles in the same house at No. 19, Peking Road, but immediately after the loss of the jewellery the defendant removed to No. 3. In her possession was found about \$35 worth of property. The defendant was remanded till next Wednesday on \$250 bail.

LAWN BOWLS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

PAIRING OF THE LAST EIGHT.

The last eight in the lawn bowls singles championship of the Colony is now settled, J. C. Brown, the Interport player, having defeated his Kowloon Dock club-mate, J. A. Lindsay last night, to qualify for the quarter-final.
The last eight are paired as follows:

E. W. Hogbin (K.B.G.C.) v. J. Gibson (K.C.C.)
J. Ferguson (Talkoo) v. J. C. Brown (Kowloon Dock).
W. Macfarlane (K.B.G.C.) v. R. Duncan (K.B.G.C.)
A. R. Clark (Police) v. J. O. Mc-Laggan (Kowloon Dock).

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